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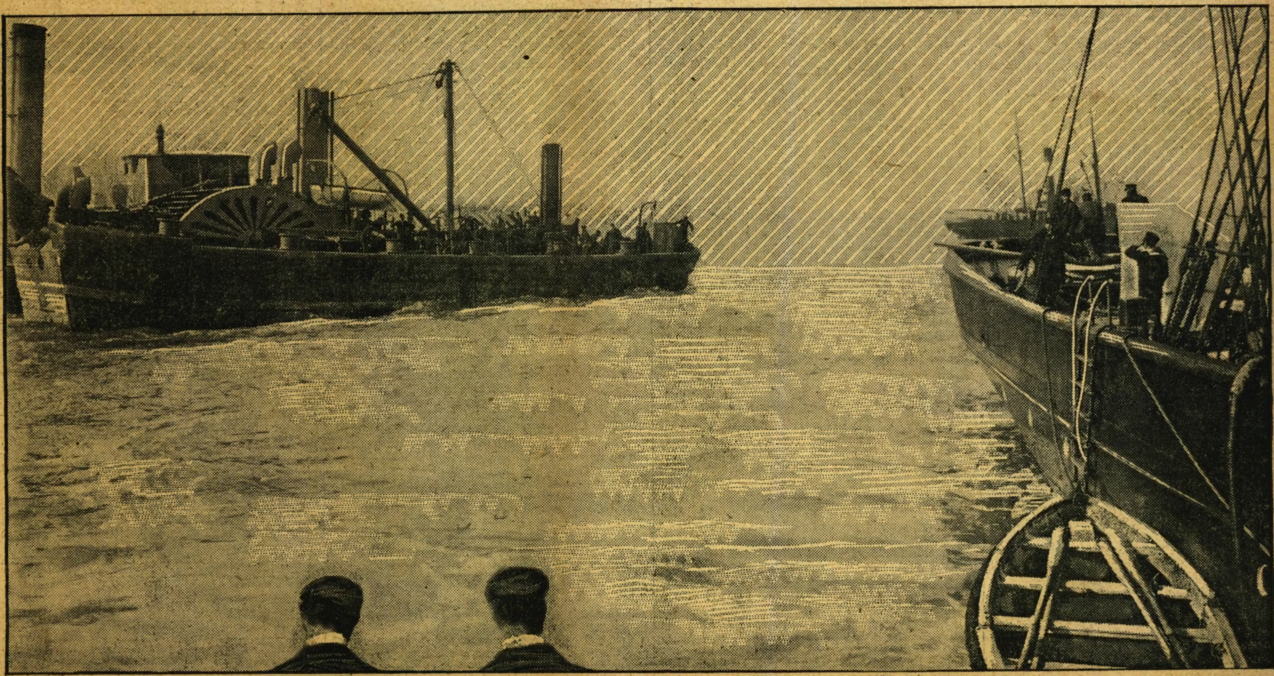
THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain imposed new taxes on tea and tobacco and another penny on the income-tax in his Budget yesterday. The increased tax on tobacco will yield an additional half million, and the tea tax of 2d. on the pound will add two millions to the revenue. The increased income-tax will bring in two and a half millions.—(Photograph by Whitlock, Birmingham.)

THE RETURN OF THE PEACE-MAKER.

The real author of the Anglo-French Treaty. How he secured it is told on page 2. —(Photograph by Rotary Photograph Co.)

THE A1 LEAVES HER BED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.



By means of cables attached to her hull, the sunken A1 was hauled up from her resting-place and suspended, still under water, below the bottom of a large dockyard lighter. Then the lighter was taken in tow by the salvage ship Belos, and the sad procession started for Portsmouth. This photograph was taken at the moment the A1 was lifted from the sea floor.—(Photograph by Cribb, Southsea.)

BAD FOR THE TAXPAYER.

2d. More per lb. on Tea, 3d. More on Tobacco, 6d. on Foreign Cigars, and 1s. on Cigarettes.

ANOTHER PENNY ON THE INCOME TAX.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's first Budget contains no good cheer. Its most striking features are:

1. An additional penny on the income-tax, bringing that up to a shilling in the £, after it had been reduced from 1s. 3d. to 11d. by Mr. Ritchie last year.

2. An additional 2d. per pound on tea, raising it to 8d.

3. An increase of 3d. on tobacco made up abroad, bringing the duty up to 3s. 3d.

4. An additional 6d. per pound on foreign cigars.

5. An additional 1s. per pound on foreign cigarettes.

The Chancellor's speech occupied slightly over an hour and a half. It was not voted a brilliant performance by the House of Commons, but it possessed the qualities of simplicity and brevity. Mr. Austen Chamberlain had succeeded in making himself quite clearly understood.

Though his message to the nation was disappointing and depressing, that was not the fault of Mr. Chamberlain, who took office while the financial year was running, owing to Mr. Ritchie's resignation.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman congratulated the young Chancellor of the Exchequer on the lucidity and completeness of his speech, remarking that the position he had had to face was the most serious in our time. These sentiments were endorsed by the House.

The Budget synchronising with Primrose Day, a goodly number of members wore the Beaconsfield emblem in their button-holes.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was in his place to hear his son's first Budget speech. The ex-Colonial Secretary had a tumultuous reception interspersed with the inevitable Hibernian jeers.

The Chancellor opened with a pleasantry. He remarked that the memories of his predecessors would be kept green by the taxes they had imposed. Then he got direct to statistics.

The cycle of prosperity, said Mr. Chamberlain in a telling phrase, seemed to have exhausted itself.

Our commercial depression at home had been aggravated by that in South Africa, while foreign competition had been keener than ever.

Markets in which we used to be supreme had been threatened, and even invaded, by other countries.

Wages, too, had fallen, and the number of unemployed had increased.

Customs, excise, death duties, and stamps all did badly, and in the aggregate produced a sum of £1,340,000 less than the estimate. The non-tax revenue was slightly better, but the final result was that this year showed a deficiency on the revenue side of the account of £2,724,000, as compared with anticipations.

LAST YEAR'S REPEAL OF THE CORN TAX.

The repeal of the corn tax proved a more costly operation to the revenue than was anticipated.

Excise was even more disappointing than Customs, for there was a disclosed deficiency of the enormous sum of £1,150,000. The beer Duty was £300,000 short, spirits showed an even greater falling-off, the deficiency being £850,000 short of the Budget estimate.

He thought it was the cold weather which diminished the consumption of temperance liquors, and the mild weather checked the consumption of spirits. (Laughter.) The Licensing Act of 1902 had also had a good deal to do with the matter. But really the falling off must be put down to the fact that the people had less to spend, and that must be taken as evidence of decreased prosperity.

Turning to the year's expenditure he said the Exchequer issues showed an excess of £3,700,000 over the Budget estimate. Things had advanced too far when he got into office to enable him to effect any economies.

The National Debt had been reduced by £8,149,000. During the last five years we had created a debt of over £188,000,000, of which £159,000,000 was due to the war. We had redeemed £29,525,000, leaving a net increase of State liability of almost exactly the sum raised for the war.

LOANS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Local indebtedness was the chief cause of the depression in gilt-edged securities. In 1901-2 the total outstanding loans of local authorities in the United Kingdom amounted to £42,000,000. In the twenty years between 1880 and 1900 local authorities increased their indebtedness by £157,000,000, whilst in the same period the gross liabilities of the State were reduced by £132,000,000.

Sooner or later, despite the success of the recent issue of the London County Council loan, this vast local indebtedness must be faced.

As regards the expenditure for the next year he was providing £500,000 to cover the cost of the further military operations in Somaliland; he thought that would be sufficient.

He had to meet an expenditure of £142,888,000 on Supply and the Consolidated Services. How much revenue could he count upon on the present basis of taxation towards meeting that sum?

Altogether the year's revenue on the basis of present taxation would yield £139,060,000, which left a deficiency of £3,820,000.

PENNY APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

He would not adopt an easy way out of his difficulties by suspending the Sinking Fund, which he considered very bad policy unless absolutely necessary, and especially when gilt-edged securities stood so low.

He also dismissed the suggestion that the income-tax payer should bear the whole of the deficit. He had done his share during the war. He had, however, to make an appeal to the patriotism of the income-tax payer, and add one penny. In his opinion it would be the income-tax payer who would have the first claim to relief, and he hoped the sacrifice he asked of him would not last for long. (Laughter.)

He proposed to refer the question of evasion and also of the recovery of overpaid income-tax to a Departmental Committee.

The additional penny would in a full year yield £2,500,000; this year £2,000,000.

For the balance of his requirements he must look to indirect taxation.

There would be no extra duty on wines or spirits, or any general alteration in the duty on tobacco, but in the latter he would make some adjustments.

He proposed to alter the rates on manufactured and raw tobacco. The failure to have a separate rate for tobacco which had not been stripped from the stalk had been British labour. He proposed to remove this anomaly by raising the duty on tobacco stripped before importation to 3s. 3d., an increase of 3d. per pound. He also proposed to add sixpence on cigars, and a shilling on foreign cigarettes. These rates were per pound. There were two other changes.

The Government did not propose to add to the duty on sugar, but they proposed to add 2d. a pound to the tea duty, which would yield £2,000,000 more.

He estimated the revenue for 1904-5, with the new taxation, at £143,610,000, as against an estimated expenditure of £142,880,000, or an estimated surplus of £730,000.

THE BUDGET AT A GLANCE.

1903-4.	
Revenue	£141,545,000
Expenditure	146,961,000
Deficit	£5,415,000

(Paid off by drawing on Government balance at the Bank.)

1904-5.	
Estimated revenue (from last year's taxes)	£139,060,000
Estimated expenditure	142,880,000
Deficit	£3,820,000

(To be made up by fresh taxation.)

NEW TAXES TO MAKE UP DEFICIT FOR 1904-5.

Income-tax raised from 11d. to 1s.	£2,000,000
2d. additional on tea duties	2,000,000
Increase on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes	550,000
Total increase	£4,550,000

HOPE OF A SURPLUS.

Estimated revenue, including this 4½ millions of fresh taxation	£143,610,000
Estimated expenditure (as above)	142,880,000
Estimated surplus at end of current year, 1904-5	£730,000

OPINIONS FROM ALL SIDES.

"Income-tax a shilling in the pound!" said Mr. A. M. Scarff, the managing director of the Income-Tax Adjustment Agency. "Well, I confidently expected it. The increase will be felt most, as usual, by those persons whose incomes are between £200 and £600 per year, the poorest class in the community, taking everything into consideration, and who have demands made on them by taxation altogether out of proportion to their incomes."

THE SMOKER'S BURDEN.

Mr. Chamberlain's tobacco proposals will, a prominent expert informed a *Mirror* representative, make but very little difference so far as the smoker is concerned.

The extra 3d. on stripped or partially prepared tobacco will be noticeable to a very small extent only upon the better class of pipe tobacco. "It might," said our informant, "put it up a halfpenny an ounce; but I do not think it will even do this much."

With cigarettes of foreign manufacture there will probably be an increase of perhaps a farthing upon the packet of ten.

TEA TAX A "THUNDERBOLT."

As much a surprise to the tea-dealer as to the tea-drinker is the Chancellor's impost of twopence a pound on tea.

"A perfect thunderbolt," said Messrs. Harrison and Crosfield, the large wholesale dealers of 3, Great Tower-street. "We never expected it.

"In a week tea drinkers will be paying the extra twopence. Of course, enterprising retailers will put up notices like, 'You pay no more for your tea here,' and will go on charging you the same price for a little while to catch trade, but stocks are too short for that to continue.

KING EDWARD THE PEACEMAKER.

His Majesty Returns to London from His Danish Visit.

The King and Queen reached London last evening on their return from Copenhagen.

Leaving Flushing soon after ten o'clock in the morning, the royal yacht arrived at Port Victoria at half-past five, and their Majesties left shortly afterwards by special train for London.

Just before seven o'clock the royal landau, in which the King and Queen were seated, drove out of Charing Cross Station. His Majesty, who was wearing the uniform of an admiral, was sitting on the right hand of the Queen. His Majesty's countenance showed the pleasure which the enthusiastic welcome of the cheering hundreds gathered outside the station gave him, and a minute later the procession had passed out of sight on its way to Buckingham Palace. It was universally remarked that both the King and Queen looked in the best of health.

It was at this time last year that his Majesty was preparing for the five weeks' tour in Europe which culminated in the historic visit to Paris. He went to hold out the hand of friendship to the French people on behalf of his English subjects.

The Peacemaker.

Within the last ten days the result of that visit has been made public, and the full text of the Anglo-French Treaty announced. The hand he held out has been cordially grasped. King Edward VII. will be known in history under the surname of the Peacemaker.

A glance back at the incidents of the few days, rich in result, which he spent in France, brings vividly into prominence the difficulties so happily surmounted.

When King Edward passed into Dijon he was received without enthusiasm, with cold courtesy.

In Paris the gutter Press had been doing its best to stir up the people against him. With the Paris populace popularity rests on the turn of a hair, or on the personality of the man, as shown at critical junctures.

A Personal Triumph.

King Edward's wonderful personal magnetism and remarkable tact led him through every obstacle. He made few speeches, always to the point, and admirably judged. He dealt with crowds as easily as he dealt with men. However subtle or foreign to his experience a situation or a subject, he was never at a loss and never in a dilemma. The Republicans rose to him—they love a King who is a King.

On May 1 he had crossed the French frontier, and met but a lukewarm welcome. He left Paris on May 5 amid shouts of "Vive le Roi" from dense crowds. Officers, diplomats, statesmen, and notabilities assembled with President Loubet to bid him au revoir. Cannon boomed and military bands played. The people made festival.

At Cherbourg, there was a heavy rain-storm. In spite of the weather the King constantly smiled and showed the greatest interest and animation. The people were captivated.

Those four days were a personal triumph. A proof that our King's power and privilege are greater than we have been apt to think. The King has political genius. Gambetta once said to him, "Royalty would have endured in France if we had had such sovereigns as you."

PRINCESS'S MOTOR SMASH.

PARIS, Tuesday.

A message from Turin says that an automobile, in which Princess Hohenlohe and Countess Chanzy and party were travelling, collided with a char-a-banc near Cariznano, and overturned.

The ladies of the party were severely bruised, and Countess Chanzy sustained a broken collar-bone.—Exchange.

TO AVENGE INSULT.

KINGSTON (JAMAICA), Tuesday.

H.M. cruiser Retribution will demand the release of the crews of the six Cayman turtle-fishing vessels seized by the Nicaraguan Government for alleged fishing in territorial waters and also insist that Nicaragua shall pay a heavy indemnity for the seizure of the vessels.

They were apprehended ten miles outside the limits, and their nets were destroyed. Nicaraguan soldiers brutally assaulted the crews, having tied them up and left them for hours in a broiling sun.—Reuter.

SOMALILAND VILLAGE BOMBARDED.

ADEN, Tuesday.

A rumour, hitherto unconfirmed, has reached here to the effect that British and Italian warships to-day bombarded Illig Village, which is occupied by the Mullah's followers.—Reuter.

MURDER CHARGE COLLAPSES.

No evidence was offered by the Public Prosecutor against Alfred Harris Lee, when he was brought up on remand at the Birkenhead Police Court yesterday charged with the murder of his young wife, Frances Dolores, whose body was found in Birkenhead Park lake.

He was accordingly discharged. Mr. F. J. Williamson, who prosecuted, explained that no further evidence was available than that given at the inquest the previous day, when an open verdict was returned.

No one has identified the body of a girl which was found in the Serpentine on Sunday. The clothing, of good quality, is marked "F. N Wheeler." Deceased was about twenty-two, of fair complexion, and wore a chain with a silver cross.

Miss Thetford, living near Northwich, was wearing a xylonite comb, and, as she was sitting by the fire, it suddenly ignited and burned away all her hair.

WAR HERO AND CHILD

Touching Incident of Admiral Skrydloff's Triumph.

TSARITSA ILL WITH SHOCK.

Although there is little news from the seat of war, various reports confirm the steady persistency with which the Japanese are pursuing their land operations. They are in complete control of Korea, despite the recent descent of Russian forces along the eastern coast to Song-chin and Puk-cheng, and the fact that Russians have reached Mao-er-shan, on the Upper Yalu.

It is supposed that these movements are intended to draw the Japanese attack from the Yalu, against which, however, a Japanese army of 45,000 men is advancing.

Japanese transports are also actively engaged, and landings are contemplated to cut off the Liaotung peninsula and simultaneously force the passage of the Yalu.

Food and money are scarce at Vladivostok, and many people, unable to find buyers, are abandoning their property and leaving the town.

Prostrated by the news of the terrible disaster to the Petropavlovsk, the Tsaritsa was obliged to take to her bed, but she is gradually recovering from the shock.

JAPAN IN WAR TIME.

The Japanese municipal authorities wish it to be understood that the public order and business activity are not impaired by the war. A telegram to the Japanese Legation in London from the mayors of the principal towns says:—

Japan in war is as orderly as Japan in peace. Business men and travellers who contemplate a journey to our country will encounter no inconvenience, and will be exposed to no danger.

LITTLE GIRL'S PRAYER.

Striking Scenes of Enthusiasm at St. Petersburg.

Admiral Skrydloff was accorded an enthusiastic reception by immense crowds of people when he arrived at St. Petersburg yesterday.

Reuter's correspondent says the police were unable to cope with the people who thronged the platform to cheer the Admiral as the train pulled into the station.

Presently Admiral Skrydloff, showing signs of evident emotion, appeared on the platform and was hailed with renewed cheers.

Everybody stood bare-headed, and a peasant named Lapatkin presented the Admiral with a copy of the picture of "The Holy Virgin of Joy to the Afflicted"—which is reputed to be miraculous—together with some consecrated bread, telling the Admiral that he saluted him in the name of the lower orders of the Russian people, all of whose hopes depended on him as the hero of the Russo-Turkish war. "The people are convinced," added Lapatkin, "that Admiral Skrydloff will justify the hopes of the Tsar and the Fatherland, and, even as the Virgin whose picture has just been given to him, will bring joy, and that soon, to a people now afflicted."

THE ADMIRAL'S FAITH IN GOD.

The Admiral, with evergrowing emotion, took the picture, declaring that he accepted it as a happy presage which he would not part with throughout the campaign, because he, too, put all his faith in God.

A member of the middle classes also presented the Admiral with a picture of Saint Theodosius, "the miracle worker of Chernigoff."

The Admiral then entered his carriage and drove to his hotel.

CHILD'S FERVENT PRAYER.

On arriving at the Hotel de l'Europe, the Admiral was received by a little girl, who presented him with a bouquet of flowers, hailing him as "the supreme commander of her brother, who was at present serving with the Navy in the Far East." The child said, "God help you in all your paths, and may heaven grant that good fortune may attend you always during the war for the glory of our dear country."

The Admiral, much affected, embraced the little girl, and then went to rejoin his friends.

To-day he will be received by the Tsar, the Tsaritsa, and the Dowager Empress.

HOP-GARDEN MURDER MYSTERY.

How George White, the young groom who was found murdered in a hop-field, met his death remains a mystery.

The police at Farnham, near where he was found, have abandoned the theory that robbery was the motive for the crime. It has been ascertained that the dead man was seen with a young woman on the night he was murdered.

A clue has been found in the form of some blood-stained clothes partly burnt, as if an attempt had been made to destroy them, but no arrest has yet been made.

The inquest will be held this morning at ten o'clock.

LOVERS' HAPLESS MOTOR RIDE.

The chauffeur of an officer in the Life Guards, stationed at Windsor, yesterday, unknown to his master, took his sweetheart for a ride.

Later in the day a passer-by found the car smashed up by the roadside ten miles from Reading. The chauffeur and his sweetheart were lying insensible a few yards off, seriously injured, and are now in hospital.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Variable breezes, finally south-westerly; fair and warm generally; tendency to thunder here and there.

Lighting-up time: 8.4 p.m.

Sea passages will be moderate to smooth in the North Sea and Irish Channel, smooth in the English Channel.

TO-DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE.

The King and Queen reached London on their return from Copenhagen last evening. Their Majesties, who were heartily welcomed by a large crowd, at once drove to Buckingham Palace.—(Page 2.)

Additional taxes were announced by Mr. Austen Chamberlain in the Budget statement. The income-tax rises by a penny, twopence extra duty is put on tea, and threepence on tobacco stripped before importation. One shilling extra is imposed in the duty on foreign cigarettes, and sixpence on cigars.—(Page 2.)

The exact financial position, as shown in the Budget, is analysed in a special article.—(Page 2.)

Russian forces have occupied Song-chin, Rukcheng, on the east coast of Korea, and another force has reached Mao-er-shan, on the Upper Yalu. A Japanese army of 45,000 men is advancing on the Yalu, and further landing operations in Korea are imminent.—(Page 2.)

Important expert evidence was given at the inquest on the victims of the submarine disaster. The inquiry will be resumed to-day. In the presence of a large and sympathetic crowd, the bodies were interred in the Naval Cemetery with full honours.—(Page 3.)

Primrose Day was, as usual, generally observed in London. The Beaconsfield statue in Parliament-square was lavishly decorated.—(Page 11.)

Another action against a mother-in-law came before Mr. Justice Lawrance, the damages claimed in this case being in respect of alleged slander. The jury stopped the case, and returned a verdict for the defendant.—(Page 5.)

Judge Edge, in deciding a case at Clerkenwell, said he knew from experience there was a county court dress, the appearance of which was very pronounced on judgment summons day.—(Page 5.)

Picture postcards made of aluminium are not welcomed by the Post Office, being sent direct to the Dead Letter Office.—(Page 4.)

A young woman named Coleman indicted at the Old Bailey for the murder of her infant son at Edmonton, was found insane. Her husband, who had ill-treated accused, was reproached by the Judge.—(Page 5.)

Taking pictures in the street with a cinematograph ended in a police court prosecution yesterday. The magistrate observed that the next thing one might expect would be an accident "to order" in Piccadilly.—(Page 5.)

An ex-Army officer, indicted at the Old Bailey for obtaining money by false pretences, obtained leave to subpœna certain well-known people as witnesses on his behalf.—(Page 5.)

Falling into the river off Billingsgate a lad of fifteen was drowned, despite some exceptionally gallant efforts at rescue made by fishermen.—(Page 4.)

Arrangements are nearing completion for the Football Cup final at the Palace on Saturday. A record attendance is anticipated. The Cup will probably be given away by the Premier.—(P. 11.)

Excellent sport marked the first day of the Epsom Spring Meeting. Lord Cadogan's Elba won the Great Metropolitan Stakes, Mark Time (the favourite) being second, and Lovat third. The winner started at 100 to 8 against.—(Page 10.)

Business was not so brisk on 'Change, and markets generally suffered in consequence. In the foreign section Russian bonds sagged. Japanese closed firm. South Africans were idle, despite the recent statement concerning the labour problem.—(Page 10.)

To-Day's Arrangements.

Lord Londonderry (President of the Board of Education) receives a deputation from the Welsh County Councils on the location of the proposed Welsh National Museum.

Mr. J. W. E. Douglas Scott-Montagu, M.P., presides at the Society of Arts meeting, paper on "Motor Cars for Popular Use," by Mr. Mervyn O'Gorman, 8.

French Bull-dog Club of England and the Brussels Griffon Club of London annual show, Ward's Riding School.

Race for the City and Suburban.

Golf: At Woking, Oxford v. Cambridge.

AMUSEMENTS.

HAYMARKET. TO-DAY, at 3 and 9.
JOSEPH ENTANGLED. By Henry Arthur Jones.
Preceded at 2.20 and 8.20 by THE WIDOW WOOS.
MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 2.20.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE. MR. TREE.
TO-DAY at 2.15 and EVERY EVENING at 8.15.
THE DARLING OF THE GODS.
By David Belasco and John Luther Long.
MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 2.15.
Box Office (Mr. Watts) open daily 10 to 10.

IMPERIAL THEATRE. Mr. LEWIS WALLER
TO-DAY at 3, and EVERY EVENING at 9.
MATINEE WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3.
A Romantic Comedy, entitled
MISS ELIZABETH'S PRISONER.
Mr. LEWIS WALLER.
Miss LOTTIE VENNE and Miss GRACE LANE.
Preceded, 8.15, by A QUEEN'S MESSENGER.
Box office open 10 to 10. Telephone 3193 Gerrard.

ST. JAMES'S. MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER.
TO-DAY at 2.30 and EVERY EVENING at 8.30 in
"SATURDAY TO MONDAY."
An Irresponsible Comedy in Three Acts.
By Frederick Fenn and Richard Pryce.
MATINEE TO-DAY and EVERY WED. and SAT., 2.30.

STRAND THEATRE. Proprietor and Manager, Mr. FRANK CURZON. A CHINESE HONEYMOON (8 o'clock). By George Dance. Music by Howard Talbot.
MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 2.15.

THE OXFORD.—MARIE LLOYD, in a new song scena, "Madame Sans-Gêne. R. G. KNOWLES, HARRY RANDALL, GEORGE ROBEY, George Lashwood, GUS ELEN, The McNaughtons, HARRY LAUDER, the Poluskis, Fanny Fields, and hosts of other stars.—Open 7.35. SATURDAY MATINEES at 2.30.
Manager, Mr. ALBERT GILMER.

THRILLING STORY OF THE A1.

Inquest Shows How the Doomed Crew Died Without Suffering at the Post of Duty.

In a ward of Haslar Hospital yesterday morning Capt. R. H. S. Bacon, of the submarine flotilla, graphically explained to Coroner Goble and fifteen jurymen the disaster which befell submarine A1 on March 18.

The bodies of the eleven victims were viewed by the jury and identified by Lieutenant Garford.

At five o'clock the funeral procession started from the hospital for the Naval Cemetery, and the remains of the officers and crew were interred with full naval honours.

According to Captain Bacon's theory, the crew of the submarine were stunned by the force of the collision hurling them against the hull or machinery.

She did not sink at once, and could have come to the surface if the crew had not been rendered unconscious.

Our special correspondent at Portsmouth telegraphs:—

In opening the court the coroner said the delay in raising the wreck was unavoidable, as it was impossible to contend against adverse winds and currents.

The bodies were reposing in two rooms in the hospital mortuary in plain oak coffins covered with Union Jacks. Lieut. Mansergh and Sub-Lieutenant Churchill in one room, and the nine petty officers and seamen in another. The coffin lids were drawn back in order to allow the jury to see the faces of the drowned men. The features were distinctly recognisable, and in all cases bore a peaceful expression, as if death had struck them down without pain. Some of the men had cuts and bruises on their heads, as if they had been dashed violently against some hard substance.

Lieut. Garford said that he saw the crew embark from the H.M.S. Thames on Thursday evening, March 17 in Submarine A1, and the vessel then went out to H.M.S. Hazard at Spithead, and stayed there till 5 a.m. on Friday.

Theory of the Accident.

In a lucid, sailor-like manner, Captain Bacon, commanding the submarine depot ship Thames and the flotilla, gave the court his opinion of the way the disaster occurred.

"At 1.50 p.m. on Friday, March 18, I signalled the submarine A1 to attack a cruiser about four miles south of the Nab, and saw her dive in that direction.

"From examination of the top of the conning-tower, and the reports from divers who examined the bottom of the Berwick Castle, as well as from the direction of the cruiser, the submarine was steering about south. The steamer was steering about south-east, and therefore coming up on the starboard quarter of the submarine.

"The A1 was fitted with an optical tube, which gave a vision equal to the naked eye. It had a sweep of 45 degrees, and was fitted to revolve electrically to sweep the whole horizon. At the time the Berwick Castle was steaming about nine knots and the A1 about six knots.

"Under these conditions, unless the tube had been revolved, it would have been impossible for the commander of the submarine to have seen the steamer until she was about 150ft. off. The optical tube, as found, was pointing 45 degrees from the starboard bow.

The Captain's Choice.

"This is the position," said Captain Bacon, "it would have been trained to had the ship been sighted under the above conditions. The submarine had now got the choice of doing two things. One to blow out her ballast tanks, starboard her helm, and risk a grazing collision on the surface. The other to dive under the bottom of the Berwick Castle.

"The latter was undoubtedly the course chosen. Had he had three seconds longer warning the submarine would have passed clear under the bottom of the steamer.

"Lieutenant Mansergh had been eighteen months at submarine work, and was specially selected to have charge of the first big boat on account of his capabilities. Sub-Lieutenant Churchill was also an excellent officer, and the remainder of the crew were picked men. Submarine A1 never had any failures, and was the handiest boat in the service under water.

Machinery Intact.

"I examined the water valves of the submarine in dry dock last night," said Captain Bacon, "and found them shut. I opened them and heard water rush out, showing the machinery was all right. Had orders been given to blow the tanks the valves would have been opened, hence, whatever else might have happened, it is evident the man who was near these valves did not open them, and they were in perfect working condition.

"The optical tube should have been revolved every ten minutes, to sweep the horizon, but the captain was probably too keen to observe the cruiser. The weather was fine and clear, and the submarine was allowed to manœuvre anywhere between Portsmouth and Portland. The top of the optical tube was about two feet above water, and might have been seen from the steamer. Had the A1 not been so low in the water the Berwick Castle might have been sunk. There was not much traffic in the Channel when the collision occurred."

In describing the submarine, at the request of the coroner, Captain Bacon said: "There were no decks in the interior of the hull, but she had a platform each side running fore and aft. Her entire length was 100ft. The whole injury was confined to the top of the conning tower and the optical tube.

Died at Their Posts.

"Small leakage only would occur, and if the crew had not been stunned they could have stopped the leak partially, blown their ballast tanks, and come to the surface. Every man was found in the position you would expect to find him, at his post. The captain in conning tower, second officer immediately below him, coxswain Dudgeon near his steering-wheel, and the remainder of the crew at their stations."

Surgeon Morris, R.N., said the collision would cause concussion and render the crew unconscious in the confined space. Probably the men were stunned and then drowned.

The court was adjourned at 4 p.m. till 10.30 this morning, when the divers Karlssen and Andersen will give their evidence.

Divers Karlssen and Andersen were in court, also the captain of the Berwick Castle, and Mr. Howden, solicitor, who represented the Union-Castle Company. The public were not admitted.

LAID TO REST.

Remains of the Gallant Crew Buried with Full Naval Honours.

At the funeral during the afternoon thousands of people crossed over to Gosport and lined the route, about two miles long, from the water tower gate of Haslar Hospital to the naval cemetery.

Punctually at five o'clock the coffins were placed on the gun-carriages by seamen from H.M.S. Excellent. The nine members of the crew were borne on three gun-carriages from the Excellent, followed by Sub-Lieut. Churchill and Lieut. Mansergh, each coffin resting on separate gun-carriages supplied by H.M.S. Colussus. The coffins were all draped with Union Jacks and covered with wreaths of white flowers. By orders of Sir John Fisher, detachments of seamen and stokers, bearing splendid wreaths from the Admiralty, followed in rear of each gun-carriage. Eight subalterns acted as pall-bearers to Sub-Lieutenant Churchill, and eight lieutenants performed the same sad offices for Lieut. Mansergh.

At the word of command the band commenced Chopin's funeral march, and the procession started at a slow pace for the cemetery. All the officers wore full-dress uniform. The relatives followed immediately in the rear of the carriages. The tall, white-haired old Admiral Churchill, with his features quivering with suppressed emotion, was the most pathetic figure in the procession through the lanes and in the cemetery. The widows of the men sobbed out their grief audibly, but with him it was different. That relief was denied to the Admiral. In the bright sunlight it was noticed that his eyes were dim with tears, but the veteran sailor bent his head, and not a sound escaped from him to show how his heart was with the gallant son who had so early in life found a sailor's grave.

Admiral Fisher with his staff walked at the rear, and behind him came the firing party of 100 seamen from the Excellent.

The fund raised by the "Southern Daily Mail" (Portsmouth) for the benefit of the relatives now amounts to over £1,500.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

Sir H. Thompson, Who Believed a Hundred the Natural Age.

FRIEND OF THE KING.

Sir Henry Thompson, who has died at the age of eighty-four, was one of those peculiarly picturesque figures which are inseparably connected with the mid-Victorian era.

He was born at Framlingham, in Suffolk; his father was a business man, with strong religious tendencies, holding among other views that the profession of medicine was conducive to Atheism. However, his son's constitution was so frail that he allowed Henry Thompson to study medicine so that he should learn how to improve his health. The result was that Sir Henry Thompson's name has become world-famous.

He understood the science of diet in a very exact way.

Himself a very delicate man, he yet maintained that there is no reason why a man should not live to be a hundred years old. "It is merely a question of diet," he always said. He held that, on the whole, people eat too much, and too much of the wrong kinds of food, and in old age people should be strictly temperate.

Bonvivant.

In his private life Sir Henry was celebrated for the excellence of the dinner parties he gave at a time when good cooking was far to seek in England. His wines were perfect and his cook beyond reproach. His guests at these dinners were carefully chosen, and Sir Henry kept a record of their names and of the most interesting topics which were discussed at the same time as the good fare which he provided.

As a surgeon, Sir Henry Thompson had a most invaluable, gentle, tactile touch, and in certain complaints he was unerring in his diagnosis. His manner was sometimes construed, unjustly, as being brusque; but he could not suffer fools gladly.

Sir Henry Thompson, conscious of the weakness of his constitution, took great care of himself. He did not attain to the hundred years which he thought should be the natural life heritage of mankind, but his was a remarkably healthy old age. To the last he was devoted to his motor-car.

He was an artist of merit, and exhibited pictures both in the Royal Academy and in the Paris Salon. He was also an author, and wrote the novel, "Charley Kingston's Aunt," besides numerous serious works. He was an astronomer, a social reformer, horticulturist, and art collector. The present King was a personal friend, and when Prince of Wales frequently dined with him.

Sir Henry Thompson, who was created a baronet in 1899, was surgeon-extraordinary to the King of the Belgians. He is succeeded in the title by his son Herbert, who is a member of the Bar.

ABBEY WEDDING.

Miss Agatha Thynne, who was yesterday married in Westminster Abbey to Lord Hindlip, was by general consent the lovelist bride there has been for a very long time past. She looked like a beautiful picture in her simple white satin dress draped with lace, and as she held up her long train in getting out of the carriage it was noticeable that she had silver heels to her white satin shoes.

The small son and daughter of Lord and Lady Emlyn carried her train, and she was followed by six bridesmaids in white, with pale pink sashes and hats to match.

Princess Christian was the guest of honour, and she was met at the east cloister door of the Abbey by the bride's mother. The Princess was dressed in soft grey velvet, and wore a bunch of primroses in the bodice of her dress.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN MAKES HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

At a few minutes after a quarter to three yesterday afternoon Mr. Austen Chamberlain rose to make his Budget speech. Even his political opponents said that he faced one of the worst situations of recent years in a way to win universal admiration.—(From a sketch made in the House by a "Mirror" artist.)

Manchester school playgrounds are to be opened out of school hours with a view to keeping children off the streets.

A mezzotint engraving recently forwarded to Christie's, creased and soiled and evidently regarded as of little value, has been sold for £500.

In the Divorce Court yesterday a decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Hart, on the grounds of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband, Dr. F. J. Hart, of Sydenham.

An Islington relieving officer named Alexander Wortley, who had misappropriated sums given for the relief of four persons by the guardians, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Monty Cohen, a young bookmaker, who was charged at Bow-street yesterday with street betting, was stated to have been convicted four times during last week for similar offences. Mr. Marsham imposed the usual fine of £5, and the prisoner left the dock smiling.

TEACHING A CHILD DISSIPATION.

For taking his eight-year-old nephew round to several public-houses and giving the boy so much to drink that he was discovered helplessly intoxicated in the roadway, William Birch was fined 20s. at Warrington.

"QUITE IRISH, YOU KNOW."

Discreditable scenes were witnessed at Riverstown, co. Cork, in connection with a football match between Lees (Cork) and Killeagh for the County Championship. In the end the referee had to stop the match. This is the third time this match has had to be abandoned owing to rows.

OFFICIALS MUST SPELL.

Dr. Farquharson, M.P., is evidently doubtful as to the elementary qualifications of certain Government officials. He has announced his intention to ask the President of the Board of Agriculture whether it is intended to subject the assistant inspectors of the Board, who are graduates of a university, ex-officers in the Army and Navy, or who hold a diploma from one of the leading agricultural colleges, to a preliminary examination in dictation, writing, arithmetic, and English composition.

CHILDREN PLUCKILY RESCUED.

A particularly plucky rescue from drowning was witnessed in the Granville Dock at Dover yesterday. Two little boys fell in and were drowning when they were rescued by Quarter-master Howe, of the Cross-Channel shore force, and a Whitstable man named Browning, who were attracted by the cries and dived into the dock with all their clothes on. Animation was restored with difficulty.

DERANGED BY ELECTRIC SHOCK.

It was put forward as a defence at the Brentford Police Court yesterday that a defendant, an electrical engineer, charged with disorderly conduct, had received an electrical shock of 2,000 volts, and that as a consequence his mind had become deranged.

Questioned by the chairman as to his condition the examining doctor said defendant's mind was a complete blank. He himself had no experience of such a shock, and he advised that a remand for a week should be made for further investigation.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE.

Mrs. Kendal will make one of her rare appearances in London on Monday next when, in company with Countess Valda Gleichen, Mr. H. B. Irving, and Mr. Rutland Barrington, she will take part in an entertainment at Lowther Lodge organised in aid of Holy Trinity Parish, Stepney. Mr. and Mrs. Lowther have lent their beautiful house, and many other amateurs and professionals have promised to help in aid of the charity. Tickets, 10s. 6d. and one guinea, may be obtained from the Rev. Neville Dundas, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Stepney, and from the Honble. Mrs. Stephen Coleridge, 7, Egerton-mansions, S.W.

FINEST HORSEMAN IN THE ARMY.

Major Burt, who was killed in the recent carriage accident in Piccadilly, was generally regarded as the finest riding-master in the British Army. His famous musical ride had been given before many of the crowned heads of Europe, and when the 2nd Life Guards performed it before the Kaiser, that monarch congratulated the Major and made him a handsome present.

Once in the riding school at Canterbury he was thrown on to his head, and the onlookers thought his neck broken. But he got up with nothing worse than a broken nose. He was a man of tremendous physical strength, and his figure was familiar to all who witnessed the Royal Military Tournament.

USEFUL FOR MOTORISTS.

Very ingenious is the new motor tyre pump (a photograph of which is reproduced on page 6), and it should prove a boon to automobilists. Its purpose is sufficiently explained by the following letter:—

(To the Editor of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror.*)

The new Pompeesi automatic tyre pump was awarded gold medal at the trials of the Automobile Club de France in December by a jury, including amongst its members Colonel Renard, Commandant Renard, Comte de L'Allemand, and M. Georges Richard.

The attachment is simple. The whole attachment can be made inside three minutes, and, when once affixed, need never be taken off, as all that is necessary to pump up a tyre is to unscrew a small fly nut in the side of a metal box, which is affixed to the side of the dashboard, screw in the rubber connection, connect with the tyre, and then start the engine, and the tyre will be pumped up hard in three minutes.

It is thus made possible for the automobilist to make full use of the powerful engine in the car, and thus save himself the very hard work entailed in pumping up tyres when tyre difficulties occur.

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MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

Richard Potts, a miner, was killed by a brick falling down a shaft of a Leigh coal mine on to his head. He leaves a widow and seven children.

At Marylebone a prisoner told the magistrate that he had a bad "pedigree." "Pedigree!" echoed Mr. Plowden; "you are a disgrace to your ancestors."

Last year 12,627,100 gallons of wine were imported in cask into this country and 2,083,428 in bottle. Of the wine imported in cask Spain sent 3,493,925 gallons, Portugal 3,435,900 gallons, and France 3,414,569 gallons.

Two children, aged five years and two years respectively, were terribly burned at a fire in Wellington-street, Woolwich, through the bed in which they were lying taking fire from some unknown cause.

"WHIPPING THE CAT."

He had been "whipping the cat," and he had spent his money on "ginger-beer and jujubes," said a prisoner charged with drunkenness at Salford. And the bewildered magistrates failed to understand the first statement, or to believe the second. Later on the man explained that he was a journeyman tailor who travelled about the country making clothes for people in their houses, which occupation, he said, is known as "whipping the cat."

SUICIDE IN A BATH.

An elderly man engaged a private bath at St. Helens, and as he did not come out or answer when summoned, the attendant burst open the door. To his horror he discovered the bath full of blood and water, and the man, who had cut his throat with a penknife, quite dead. It was afterwards found that the dead man's name was Thomas Blow. He had been for many years in the service of Lord Derby, and had latterly been much depressed through his eyesight failing.

ABOLISHING FAIR COSTS £20,000.

Leicester Pleasure Fair, one of the oldest fairs in the kingdom, is to be abolished. Under ancient charters the fair has been held twice each year for centuries in one of the main streets in the town, but with the introduction of electric trams it became necessary to put an end to the time-honoured institution. Certain persons, however, had vested interests in the fair, and the purchase of these will cost the corporation £20,000. The consent of the Home Secretary had also to be obtained.

STRANGELY LIBELLED.

It was very unkind of the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," said Martha Ellis, to publish a paragraph stating that she had given birth to four babies at one time. Furthermore, she claimed, in the Louth County Court, that the statement had caused her to be subjected to so much annoyance that she thought herself entitled to £100 damages. For the defence it was stated that the paragraph was not published with malice, and it had been corrected since. But the jury awarded the injured lady £20.

RUINED A VILLAGE.

One of the longest strikes on record has just terminated, an agreement having been arrived at by which work will be resumed at Hetty Pits in the Rhondda Valley. Fifteen months ago 1,000 colliers struck work. The collieries are owned by the Marquis of Bute, whose representatives were equally determined. The result was that the thriving village of Hirwain has been practically ruined.

DROWNED OFF BILLINGSGATE.

A gallant but unsuccessful attempt to rescue a drowning boy was made yesterday afternoon by a Billingsgate porter. A lad of about fifteen, who had been playing about the barges with some companions, fell into the Thames. An attempt was made to get out a boat, which lay alongside a barge, but it was found that the boat was chained up, and was without sculls. One of the market porters plunged in after the boy, who was rapidly drifting down stream, but before he could reach him the lad sank. All efforts to find the body were unsuccessful.

PARSON WITH PICK AND SHOVEL.

Finchley will soon have a drinking fountain which is to be built by voluntary labourers, amongst whom will be the Rev. R. W. Francis, curate of Christ Church, North Finchley. A Mrs. Lawson offered the curate the money for a fountain, providing he found the workmen to build it. The lady's offer was placed before the members of the Christ Church Bible class, of which Mr. Francis is the chief, and the men readily consented to do the job. Some are masons, bricklayers, and plumbers, and others labourers. The reverend gentleman, not having a trade, has insisted upon using the pick and shovel as a labourer. The site chosen is on the Great North-road, near Old Finchley Common. Mr. Francis is known as the workman's friend, and can often be seen on the top of the scaffold of the buildings in the district dispensing tea to men whilst they are at work.

FOX-TERRIERS' DAY.

One hundred and fifteen alert and frisky terriers competed for prizes yesterday at the annual show of the London Fox Terrier Club. The basement of the Crystal Palace, where the dogs were ranged in wire stalls, was crowded with experts of both sexes.

The noise was deafening, the competitors evidently being under the impression that the loudest bark would win first prize. They, however, also seemed to be deeply conscious of their own merit when being trotted about and displayed by their proud owners before the judges. Among the numerous distinguished exhibitors were the Duchess of Newcastle and the Countess of Chesterfield.

Prince Henry of Prussia yesterday visited the Keyham extension works and the engineering college at Devonport.

District officer Robilliard was badly bruised through a heavy door falling on him when the large printing works of Messrs. Sadler, in the Old Kent-road, were on fire yesterday.

It has been reported to the Bethnal Green guardians that for the first time the children in the union schools have earned a drawing grant of £11 9s. 6d.—a unique incident in Poor Law schools.

At Derby Station, on the Midland Railway, a train parted in the middle through faulty coupling. The engine-driver did not notice this, and went ahead with half his train for some distance before he could be stopped.

SEVEN POUNDS A MINUTE.

Eleven men were charged with street betting at Marlborough-street yesterday. All pleaded guilty and all were fined, the total of the penalties being £57. And the whole of the cases were disposed of in eight minutes.

CHILDREN'S WEARY TRAMP.

Having their three children, aged seven, four, and two years, with them, John Carter and Rose Shepherd tramped from Bedwelty to Newport, being on the road for two days and nights. The Children's Society told the Newport magistrates that the children suffered from exposure, and the man was sent to prison for seven days.

DESSERT SPOON AS NEST.

Surely the most intrepid pair of robins of which we shall hear this season are those which have built their nest in Maidstone Police Station. The nest is actually built in a dessert spoon, which had been left in a crevice just inside the coal shed. Undeterred by the daily use of the shed by the men in blue, the birds persevered with their nesting, and have now hatched a brood. The police are as proud of the confidence the robins have displayed in them as they are of any "smart capture" during the present spring.

PRINCESS AT A SPRING CLEANING.

Princess Christian paid a surprise visit to the Windsor Infirmary yesterday, and found the institution undergoing a spring-cleaning. The Princess was able to thread her way through the wards, and spoke many kindly words to the patients. In the children's ward she spent quite a long time, and cheered all the little ones with tender words. Her Royal Highness expressed great satisfaction with all she saw, and said she liked to see the institution as it was from day to day, and not when it was specially prepared for a royal visit.

BOAT THAT WILL FLY.

Major Baden-Powell announces that he is about to exhibit a new holiday aero-nautical contrivance at the Crystal Palace.

It consists of a "winged boat" which runs down an inclined track similar to that of a water-chute. Having thus gained considerable speed the "boat" shoots off into the air above the lake, and glides for a considerable distance before settling on the water.

"HOW WE RECOVERED THE ASHES."

"How We Recovered the Ashes" is to be the title of the book in which Mr. P. F. Warner will give a full account of the successful tour from which the M.C.C. team has just returned.

Mr. Warner has nearly concluded the manuscript, and the book will be published towards the end of May by Messrs. Chapman and Hall. It will contain over 100 illustrations.

DANGERS OF THE STAGE.

In her book on theatrical life, entitled "Few Memories," Mary Anderson (Madame de Navarro) says:—"My observation has taught me that the greatest dangers of the theatre are a strong tendency to vanity, a certain carelessness about the great realities of life (which are principally noticed and used for giving dramatic effect), and the feverish lack of repose that made the old age of Siddons so pitiable. It is not good for an instrument to be strung too high, and it seems to me that the actor (an instrument of many strings) is constantly tuned up to concert pitch."

POST OFFICE RESENTS NOVELTY.

Picture postcards are now being made of aluminium. They are of the same size as, but very much thinner than, ordinary postcards, and the soft shade of the metal gives the photographs on them a superior appearance. Their corners are rounded, and the ink dries quickly. The great drawback to them is that, when posted, they are seldom seen again, being sent direct to the Dead Letter Office.

NEW DRINK CRAVE CURE.

The Rev. Wilson Carlile, head of the Church Army, has invented a new "drink" remedy, which has the advantage of being very nice to take.

"We do not claim that it is an actual cure," said the head of the "Army" Publishing Department. "Such a thing doesn't exist. But if a man will honestly try to keep away from drink, and take a tablespoonful or so of this stuff whenever the craving grips him, he will find the result extremely beneficial. In nine weeks we have sold just a thousand bottles, and have had hundreds of testimonials."

The effect of the tonic is to produce the warming and stimulating effect of drink without the accompanying intoxication and consequent reaction. A *Mirror* representative tested it, and found it warming, comforting, and the reverse of nasty. It is sold at 4d. the 8oz. bottle—under cost price.

Among those fined at Highgate yesterday for drunkenness was a Joseph Chamberlain. He had made a disturbance by quarrelling in the street.

At the Easter term "Call Night" to-morrow week thirty-five law students will be made barristers-at-law.

Mr. A. S. Field, clerk of the peace and clerk to the Warwickshire County Council, is about to resign his offices. He is in his ninety-second year, and is the oldest solicitor on the rolls.

The programme for the Shakespearean Commemoration, which begins at Stratford-on-Avon to-day, includes a performance of the "Orestean Trilogy" of Æschylus, which has not been performed as a whole for 2,000 years.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, J.P., the founder of the firm of William James and Henry Thompson, Colonial brokers, of Mincing-lane, died at his residence, Kippington Green, Sevenoaks, yesterday. Deceased, who was eighty-six years of age, built Kippington Church in 1878.

ROOKS' EXTRAORDINARY FREAK.

About this time last year the rooks in the rookery of the Grange, Alresford (Lord Ashburton's country seat), of a sudden, and for no apparent reason, deserted their nests, eggs, and home, and have never returned. Now those of the rookery surrounding Candover House, which is about two miles from the Grange, have just acted in similar fashion. These singular desertions have frightened the superstitious villagers in the neighbourhood almost beyond measure.

SAVED BY PENNY-IN-THE-SLOT.

Joseph Greenwood owes his life to the penny-in-the-slot gas-meter. His wife found him lying insensible with a rubber tube, the other end of which was attached to a gas bracket, in his mouth. But the pennyworth of gas became exhausted before he had inhaled enough to kill him. The Halifax magistrates yesterday remanded him that the state of his mind might be inquired into.

TWO NEW COMETS DISCOVERED.

Two new comets have apparently just been discovered—one by an Englishman, the other by an American. The Englishman, Mr. Plummer, of the Bidston Observatory, announces that he has seen a new well-defined comet, which is travelling northward through Hercules. The American, Professor Brooks, of New York, says he has seen a new comet of the brightness of a tenth magnitude star, but other details of his discovery have not yet come to hand.

PRINCESSES WHO TYPEWRITE.

The Royal Family are very up to date in every respect, and, among other accomplishments, Princess Charles of Denmark is an expert typist, while Princess Christian is also a quick manipulator of the "keys," says "The Onlooker." Her machine is fitted with German characters as well as English, and she types most of Prince Christian's German correspondence for him. Another royal typist is the Princess of Wales, who is extremely quick, and types a number of her own letters in quite a professional style.

"NO HAT BRIGADE."

Bristol hatters are finding their pockets considerably affected by a crotchet of the younger men of the city, who have established a "No Hat Brigade." Many business men are said to have discarded headgear entirely, and the hatters may eventually refuse to serve any customers at all, in the hope that a general protest will abolish the "No Hat Brigade."

WILL THIS RECORD BE BROKEN?

The Great Western special mail train travelled from Plymouth to London at the rate of nearly sixty miles an hour a few days ago, and we are told that even greater speed may be expected on this run next Saturday. But this is far from being a record. On July 14 last year the Prince and Princess of Wales went from Paddington to Plymouth at an average speed of sixty-three miles an hour, and many miles were covered at the rate of eighty-four per hour. As long ago as 1895 a London and North-Western train actually travelled between London and Aberdeen—539½ miles—in the marvellous time of 512min.; one of the very finest performances, surely, ever known in the world of railways.

PERSONAL.

ARTHUR darling. Won't you help me?—NELL.

JACK.—Should much prefer country, if fine.—R.

PEGGY wishes her dear friend a very happy birthday.

6. V. not see you. Wednesday, 4 p.m. "Disappoint not."

REALISING home useless, regarding Reggie. Write Ludy.—ROBBY.

TO L. G. B.—Would like personal interview respecting letters, mistaken.

"DADDIE," wedding day.—Send address. Intense anxiety. Love.—FAN.

ARE S. M. H. and "Pymm" the same person? Cannot otherwise understand correspondence.—J. M.

ODDY.—Where have you been hiding since Saturday? Call me up about ten this morning.—1150527.

WRITE home; all's well; buck up. Longing to see you; still wriggling; best love.—Nil Desperandum.

"IN THE SOUP."—Try meet—but how am I to realise? Truly suspense has been killing. Is there no credit——.

LOST.—Gold Watch, April 9, Alexandra Park Races; finder rewarded.—Write W. S., 11, Goldhurst-terrace, South Hampstead, N.W.

SPHINX.—Called as arranged, but unable to obtain any information; suggest your proceeding as mentioned when I saw you last; exercise caution.—L. D. D.

SWEET LADY.—Fate was kind on Saturday. I had longed to see you—but your face is ever present. I cherish the hope my dream some day will be realised. —My life and love are consecrated to you for ever.—SILENT WORSHIPPER.

MALTESE TERRIER (male) for sale. White; good pedigree, beautiful coat; three months old.—Apply Leslie, 14, Abbey-court, N.W.

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MOTHERS-IN-LAW VINDICATED.

Extraordinary Succession of Coincidences in Another Defamation Suit Brought by Another Son-in-Law.

Mr. Justice Lawrance is getting tired of trying defamation cases in which sons-in-law unsuccessfully sue their mothers-in-law.

Sitting yesterday in the very same court—King's Bench Court III.—in which the Foxwell-Shafto-Grene son-in-law against mother-in-law libel case came to such a sensational close on the previous afternoon, the Judge found himself with another son-in-law demanding redress from another mother-in-law.

On only one little point did the plaint of Mr. Alfred Wright Chapman (son-in-law No. 2) vary from that of Mr. Caleb Henry Foxwell (son-in-law No. 1). Mr. Chapman demanded damages for slander, while Mr. Foxwell had based his claim on libel.

During the course of the case a series of most disconcerting further coincidences manifested themselves, and at one time the Court almost thought that it was listening to a burlesque of the Foxwell-Shafto-Grene case, written especially for the occasion.

Although Mr. Lawson Walton, K.C., again appeared as the mother-in-law's counsel, the place of Mr. Terrell, K.C., as leader for the son-in-law's side, was taken by Mr. Wildey Wright, a concession to variety for which everybody felt very thankful.

The Plot of Case No. 2.

Mr. Wright, in his well-known fluently witty style, explained to the Court the plot of son-in-law—mother-in-law story No. 2.

In 1888, he said, Mr. Chapman made the acquaintance of a Miss Elizabeth Batten, who, with her mother, Mrs. Batten, enjoyed the revenues from two large leasehold estates, styled respectively the South Bermondsey Estate and the Helena Estate, Rotherhithe. These estates brought in an income of £10,000 a year to the two ladies.

Mr. Wright did not dwell on the romance which followed this introduction. He contented himself with saying that it ended in the marriage of Mr. Chapman to Miss Batten.

After the marriage Mr. Chapman made himself very useful to his wife and his mother-in-law, and was paid a salary to manage their estates.

So convinced did he become of the advantages of married life that he determined to find a husband for Mrs. Batten, who was a widow. With this end in view he "imported"—to use Mr. Wright's expression—his maternal uncle, a Mr. Welby, from Australia, "as a suitor for Mrs. Batten's hand."

The importation was completely successful—at first at least. Mrs. Batten became Mrs. Welby within two months.

Awkward Contretemps.

But Mr. Chapman soon had cause to regret bitterly his free trade policy of imports of maternal uncles. One day his mother-in-law informed him that "uncle" wished to take the management of the estates into his own hands.

After many misunderstandings it was finally decided that there should be a deed of partition, under which Mr. Chapman managed his wife's share of the estate, and Mr. Welby performed a like office for the mother-in-law.

Relations now became somewhat strained between the two households, and Mr. Wright, on behalf of Mr. Chapman, alleged that when that gentleman "went bankrupt," and had occasion "to lie low"—again to adopt Mr. Wright's expressive term—in Scotland, Mrs. Welby took the opportunity to get her daughter to alter her will, which had been in her husband's favour.

When Mr. Chapman eventually got his discharge and started to read for the law he found that the troubles caused by his mother-in-law were only just beginning. That lady, said Mr. Wright, was instrumental in stirring up divorce proceedings on behalf of her daughter against Mr. Chapman.

It was when the latter insisted on a reconciliation, and went down to Hockley Hall, Hockley, the country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Welby, demanding to see his wife, that Mrs. Welby uttered the alleged slanders.

The first of these, explained Mr. Wright, had reference to Mr. Chapman's office in Bedford-row. Mrs. Welby told Mrs. Chapman that the police had discovered that his office was being used for betting.

The second slander was even more terrible. Some title-deeds relating to Fair View, a house at Rayleigh, in Essex, belonging to Mrs. Chapman, had been mislaid, and Mrs. Welby suggested that "Alf" (Mr. Chapman) had got them.

As an instance of Mrs. Welby's want of proper feeling, Mr. Wright read the following letter:—

> Dear Lizzie,—I am pleased to say all papers are quite right. I have ordered two casks of oil at 7½d. the gallon. With fondest love, your loving mother.

The dragging of the oil into this tardy act of reparation Mr. Wright considered as—"well, he did not want to use hard terms."

Husband and Wife Reconciled.

In spite of his mother-in-law's efforts to prevent it, Mr. Chapman, continued Mr. Wright, became reconciled to his wife, and the divorce proceedings were stopped.

Mr. Wright then called Mrs. Chapman to support his case, and, before doing so, he prepared the Court for possible unexpected developments by stating that Mrs. Chapman "sometimes ran with the hare and sometimes hunted with the hounds."

When she got into the witness-box it was discovered that she was, on this particular afternoon, "hunting with the hounds"—supposing Mr. Chapman was meant by Mr. Wright to be regarded as the "hare."

In short, she professed to be unable to remember the slanders, the uttering of which by her mother Mr. Wright relied on her to prove.

As there was no other witness to do this Mr. Wright was advised by the judge to "consider his position," but he pluckily elected to continue the case.

In the course of cross-examination Mrs. Chapman said that her husband ill-used her, and used to employ his time, and her money, by driving a coach to Sevenoaks.

Striking Similarities.

Then history began to repeat itself very vigorously.

Just as on the previous afternoon Mrs. Foxwell had broken down when her relations with her husband were discussed, so Mrs. Chapman had recourse to her pocket-handkerchief to wipe away her tears when mention was made of her married life with Mr. Chapman.

When everybody was expecting her to run out of the witness-box at any moment as Mrs. Foxwell had done, the jury passed a note to the Judge.

Mr. Justice Lawrance (very gently): Mr. Wildey Wright, the jury have been cruel enough to wish to stop the case.

Mr. Wildey Wright: My lord, if the jury are against me I will not go on unless you express yourself strongly in my favour.

Mr. Justice Lawrance: I came to the same conclusion as the jury long ago. There will be judgment for the defendant.

And so the Chapman-Welby slander case came to exactly the same conclusion as the Foxwell-Grene libel case, in the same court, and at the very same hour.

COUNTY COURT DRESS.

Special Attire for Judgment Summons Days.

Miss Violet Warne, of Kentish Town, who was recently successful in a breach of promise action against William John Taylor, of East Finchley, has found it necessary to take county court proceedings to recover the £40 which was awarded her as damages. Yesterday her faithless lover appeared before Judge Edge at Clerkenwell in answer to a judgment summons.

Taylor was wearing the ordinary clothes of a workman, with a coloured muffler round his neck. In answer to the plaintiff's solicitor he said that by profession he was a groom. He admitted that he was not always dressed in the way he was yesterday.

"Only when you come to court?" the solicitor suggested.

Judge Edge: I know from experience that there is a county court dress. Sometimes its appearance is very pronounced, more especially on judgment summons days.

Asked what his present earnings were, defendant replied "sometimes twenty-five 'bob,' and sometimes a 'quid.'"

Judge Edge: Will you tell me what those mysterious words mean. What is twenty-five "bob."

Defendant: Twenty-five shillings.

Judge Edge: What is a "quid"?

Defendant: A sovereign.

Judge Edge: Words quite as easy to say, and more easily understood.

At a later stage the defendant explained that a watch and chain which he had bought were "down at uncle's."

Judge Edge: I don't know whether a fuller explanation is necessary. I believe it means that they are being taken care of.

Eventually Taylor was ordered to pay 30s. a month.

"DREYFUSED" DEFENDANT.

Officer Complains That He Was Illegally Arrested.

Captain Edwin Gordon Macrae Short, an ex-Army officer, who is accused of obtaining £6,000 by false pretences, yesterday applied to Mr. Justice Darling at the Central Criminal Court, and said he wished for leave to subpœna a number of well-known people on his behalf, including Lord Pembroke, Mr. Antrobus (of the Colonial Office), the Governor of Lewes Prison, Mr. Moberly Bell (Manager of the "Times"), and Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace.

The Judge: What are all these people to prove?

The Accused: Well, a number of false issues have been raised.

The Judge: No false issues will be raised here by either side, I can tell you.

The Accused: I have been "Dreyfused."

The Judge: What is that?

The Accused: I have been illegally arrested on false evidence.

The Judge: I don't see what Dreyfus has to do with this case.

His Lordship later directed that some of the witnesses should be subpœnaed.

WAREHOUSE OF DOCUMENTS.

Mr. Bottomley's Difficulty in Meeting an Order of Court.

Application was made in the Chancery Court yesterday to commit Mr. Horatio Bottomley to prison for contempt of court, or, in the alternative, that a writ of attachment be issued against him for disobedience of an order made in September last.

Counsel appearing on behalf of certain contributories in the Associated Financial Corporation, Ltd., said the order of the Court respecting a list of the assets and liabilities of the corporation had been complied with. But Mr. Bottomley had never furnished, as required, a list of the books of the business and documents of the corporation in his possession, nor the reports and documents which the liquidator proposed to use in the course of arbitration proceedings. Although they had endeavoured to get possession of documents as ordered their efforts had been unsuccessful.

Mr. Bottomley asserted there was a warehouse full of documents and that he could not make a list.

Mr. Justice Buckley said the motion must stand over pending Mr. Bottomley giving facilities to the contributories for inspecting the documents in question.

CONVALESCENT'S POPULARITY.

Three members of the Fawcett Liberal Club, Notting Hill, named James Clarke, Erasmus Knight, and Edward Knight, were at West London summoned for assaulting Charles Styles, also a member.

The complainant, it appeared, was sent by the club to a convalescent home at Pegwell Bay, and while there acted as captain of the inmates. He made himself very popular, and was, on leaving, presented with a small sum of money. Then someone complained to the club in London about the presentation, and an investigation resulted in Styles being expelled.

While the matter was being debated the defendants met Styles in the bar and made an attack on him.

Cross-examined, he denied that one of the allegations made against him was that he had gone out with the inmates of the Home and had made himself and them drunk.

Mr. Hanson, for the defence, urged that complainant only got what he deserved by needlessly abusing the superintendent of the home.

The magistrate considered that the complainant's conduct was indiscreet. He dismissed the summonses against the Knights and bound Clarke over in £3.

CARPETED WITH CHEQUES.

After scattering a number of signed open cheques to the value of £375 in Cockspur-street, Silas Wright McLoon, a gentleman staying at the First Avenue Hotel, fell into the arms of a policeman. Finding that he was intoxicated the constable took him into custody.

Summoned at Bow-street Mr. McLoon told the magistrate he had just crossed the Atlantic and was not feeling well. He was fined 5s. and costs

JAP BEATS BRITON.

Yukio Tani, the Japanese wrestler, has beaten Jem Mellor, the Lancashire wrestler, and so becomes the champion light-weight wrestler of the world. By sheer pluck and splendid staying power Tani won a well-deserved victory in an hour and thirty-eight minutes.—(Drawn on the spot by a "Mirror" artist.)

CATHEDRAL CITY GOSSIPS.

Mother's Pathetic Plea for the Sake of Her Child.

A secret marriage, which turned out unhappily, was dissolved by Mr. Justice Barnes in the Divorce Court yesterday.

Appearing for Mrs. Josephine Margaret Graydon, who said that her husband had deserted her and had also been guilty of misconduct, Mr. Barnard explained that in 1892 she was married secretly to Dr. Archibald Graydon, who was at that time living with his mother in Bayswater. Dr. Graydon visited his wife at her father's house in Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. In May, 1893, a child was born.

From that time the respondent ceased to live with his wife. Last December he wrote to her stating that he was going abroad, and he gave the address of a Miss O'Neil with reference to the adultery. Inquiries were made, with the result that this petition was filed.

Mrs. Graydon, in the course of her evidence, said that in 1900, when she was living at Worcester, she wrote to her husband the following letter:—

> Dear Archie,—I am sorry to trouble you, but feel I must do so. Ever since I came to Worcester I have been made very miserable by people making remarks about my being alone, and no one ever sees my husband; but lately things have been very much worse, and as our poor little Mary grows older they will still be so.
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> Worcester is a place where everyone knows more of your business than you know yourself. If you would only have come and seen Mary now and then it would have made things better for her; but when her little school friends ask her when last she saw her father, and she tells them she has never seen him yet, it looks at least strange, and one person refused to allow her little girl to go out with Mary to tea, as she did not think her mother was married, or the father would be seen sometimes. . . . I seldom go out, I feel my position so keenly.
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> Are things to go for ever like they are doing, Archie? Had I been a bad woman I could not have more to bear. Won't you see your little child sometimes? She is a sweet little creature. I don't ask you to give me any love. I have lived without it from you for seven years now, Archie, ever since God gave me my little girl, and, after all, there is no love so true as a little child's.

His Lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs, and custody of the child.

OBSTRUCTION BY TABLEAU.

Arranging London Street Scenes for the Cinematograph.

Wishing to know the reason why a large crowd had assembled in Crampton-street, Newington, a police inspector found that a photographer named Porter was standing in the centre of the roadway with a cinematograph. A tableau had been arranged on the pavement, in which another man named Lloyd was taking a leading part.

The two men were arrested for causing an obstruction, and brought before the Lambeth magistrate. Summonses were subsequently issued against Alfred Claude Bromhead, of Cecil-court, Charing Cross-road, and Alfred Collins, of Walworth-road, for aiding and abetting. At the police court yesterday Mr. Bromhead, who is the manager of a cinematograph company, contended that they did not cause such a large crowd as the Salvation Army, and only occupied the street a few seconds.

The Magistrate: You see what this is coming to? The next thing we shall have will be a motor accident in Piccadilly for the purpose of being taken on the cinematograph and brought out at the Empire the same evening.

Mr. Bromhead and Mr. Collins were each ordered to pay a nominal penalty of 10s. and 2s. costs. Lloyd and Porter were discharged.

REPENTANCE COMES TOO LATE.

Lily Coleman, a young married Edmonton woman, was at the Old Bailey yesterday indicted for the murder of her infant son.

The case, said counsel, was a very sad one, as the woman's life had been made miserable by her husband's ill-treatment and neglect. Left destitute, she had been forced to seek the shelter of the workhouse. The child was thrown into the Lea, and just before the prisoner was known to have pawned one of her garments for sixpence.

Her husband was called into court in order that he might hear the evidence. The jury found prisoner guilty, but insane, and his lordship, addressing Coleman, said it was mainly owing to his conduct that his wife had been driven into her present state of mind. Sullen at first, the husband finally burst into tears and offered to take her home.

Prisoner was ordered to be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

COUNTY COURT DIALOGUE.

Judge Woodfall (to debtor at Westminster County Court): Your mother keeps you?

Debtor: Yes.

Judge: Where does she get her money from?

Debtor: From my brother.

Judge: Where does he get his money from?

Debtor: From his business.

Judge: His address is?

Debtor: Constantinople.

Judge: His English address?

Debtor: Hasn't got one.

Judge: It's a funny story.

THIEVES WHO WERE TOO CLEVER.

Set to watch the butter arch at the Goodman's-yard depôt of the Great Eastern Railway, two of the railway police saw a head appear through the roof of an adjoining stable. Presently, two men were lowered to the ground by means of a rope, a third keeping watch. An electric flashlight was then turned by them on the trucks, and the two, thus seen by the police in the act of taking cases of margarine, were arrested.

At the police station they gave the names of Alfred Ansell and Patrick Malone. It was stated that the company had missed a quantity of goods from the depôt, and the Thames magistrate, after hearing this, sentenced Ansell to twelve weeks' and Malone to three months' hard labour.

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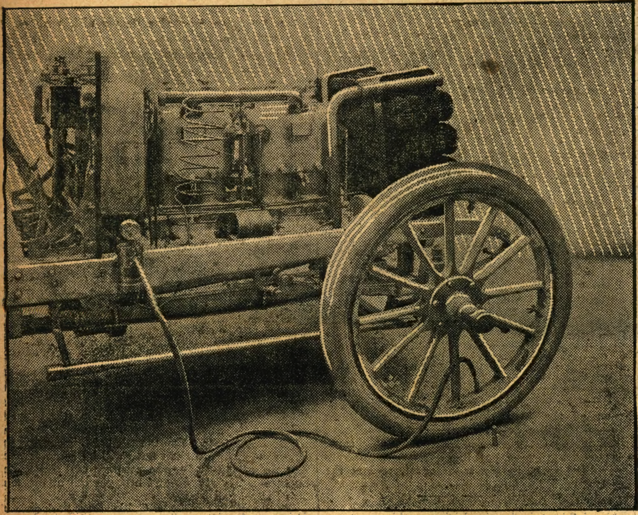
A LITERARY MARRIAGE.

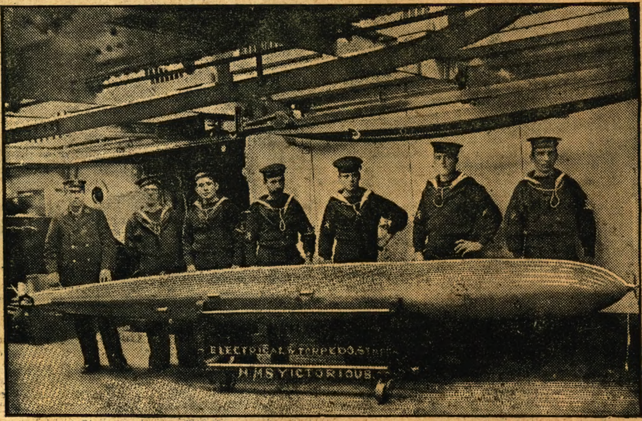
Miss Janet Ward, second daughter of Mrs. Humphry Ward, the novelist, has just been married to Mr. George Trevelyan, second son of a former Secretary of State for Scotland, and interested in the "New Liberal Review."—(Photograph, W. Barnett.)



By a simple attachment motor-cars are now made to pump up their own tyres. By this means a motor tyre can be pumped up in three minutes without labour to the motorists. The machine is the patent of Messrs. Jarrott and Letts, and is described on page 4.

CHARMING ACTRESS AT HOME.

Miss Mabelle Gilman, the clever and pretty American actress, in her flat at Ashley-gardens, S.W.



The Whitehead torpedo has proved itself the most deadly offensive weapon of naval warfare. This torpedo and torpedo staff are photographed on H.M.S. Victorious.—(Photograph by Cribb, Southsea.)

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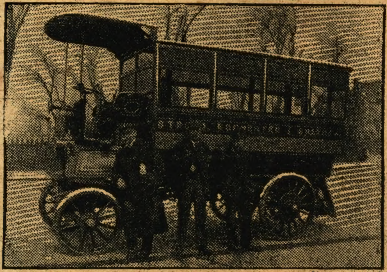
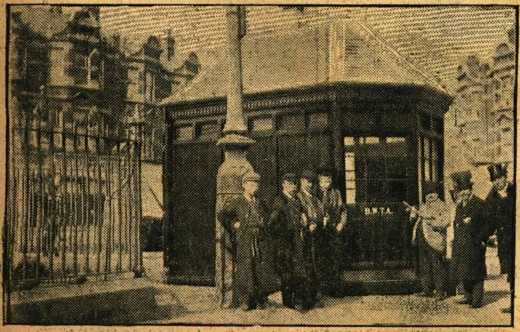
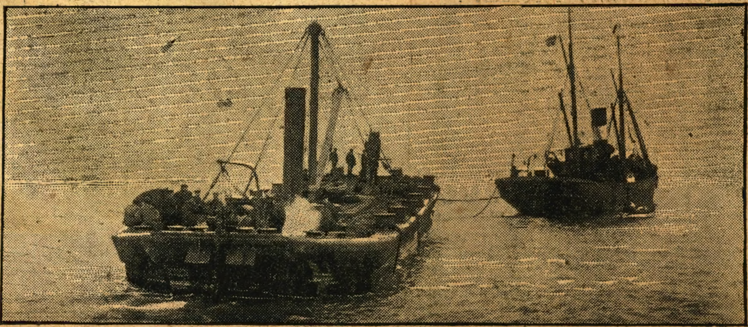
The explosion of this line of mines, laid as a protection across the mouth of a harbour, has been caused by counter-mines, fired by the enemy who have suspected its presence.—(Symonds, Portsmouth.)



Motor omnibuses are gradually making their way into the streets. This motor 'bus runs from the Chatham Town Hall.—(Photograph by A. French, New Brompton.)



This shelter for 'bus men has been erected at Muswell Hill by British Women's Temperance Association, and is the first of its kind. Shelters for 'bus men have been long wanted, and it is much appreciated.



The salvage ship Belos towing the dockyard lighter, under whose bottom hangs the sunken submarine, towards Portsmouth Harbour. A photograph of the actual lifting of the A1 is on page 1.—(Photograph by Cribb, Southsea.)

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CIRCULATION IS NOW OVER 149,000 PER DAY.

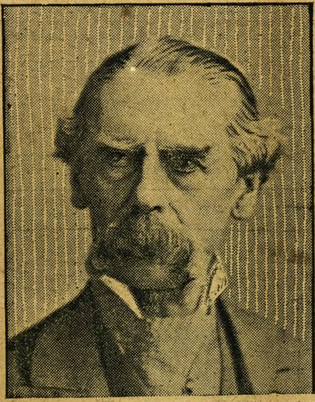
ALLING "PEACE."

ll's "Wild West" Indians makes the "Peace." The Wild West Show opens llands, but will not visit London.

" BONE-SETTER " DEAD.

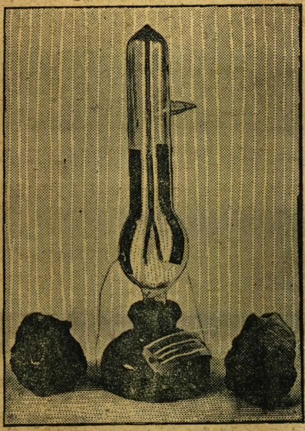
n, the famous "bone-setter" and "blood- Park-lane, has just died. The complete ing after the accident to his knee was ny to the Professor's skilful treatment.

SURGEON, ARTIST, NOVELIST.



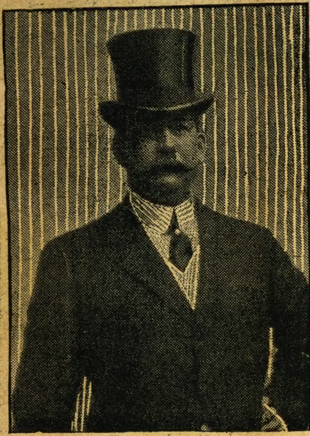
Sir Henry Thompson, the veteran surgeon, has died at his home in Wimpole-street, after a life of success in almost every walk of life.—(Photograph by Elliott and Fry.)

A RADIUM CLOCK.



This strange clock is worked by radium, and its makers say that it will go for thirty thousand years. See page 1.

WON £70,000 AT MONTE CARLO.



Colonel E. Harrison Power, an American millionaire, who has just returned to London, after winning £70,000 at Monte Carlo.—(Photograph by Langfier.)

Numbers of Japanese Army nurses have left Tokio for the front. This photograph was taken during the departure of the first hospital.

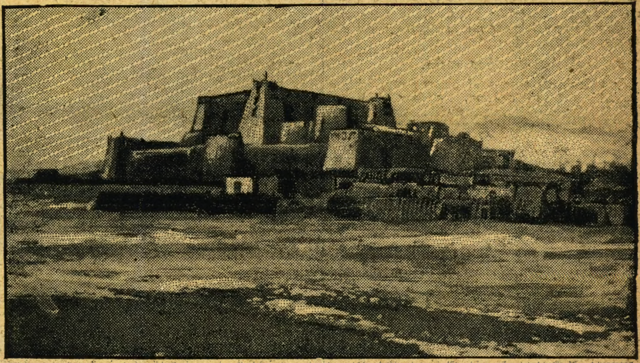
"THE GABLES," SCENE OF THE MELDRETH TRAGEDY.

It was in this peaceful country house, "The Gables," Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, that the fifteen-year-old schoolboy, Frank Rodgers, shot his mother. The trial begins to-morrow (Thursday).

RUSSIAN RAILWAY CHURCH.

This travelling railway church is running on the Russian Trans-Siberian Railway. It has been sent to the front for the troops in Manchuria.

A BRITISH TIBETAN FORTRESS.



Phari Fort, in the Chumbi Valley of Tibet, now held by a British garrison.—(Special "Mirror" photograph by Lieut.-Colonel L. A. Waddell.)

The boating season on the Thames has begun early this year, and bright sunshades and light flannels are already to be seen on the upper reaches. This photograph was taken at Molesey Lock yesterday.

MISS AGATHA THYNNE'S MARRIAGE.——THE HOUSEWIFE'S BUREAU.

PEEPS INTO FUTURITY.

THE QUESTION AND THE SYMBOL.

Madame Vera's séance, described in last Friday's *Mirror*, had so interested me that a fortnight later found me again at the same seer's weekly séance held in her flat near Hyde Park, and this time the drawing-room was crowded to excess. I must here mention a curious incident that had befallen me the week before I paid my first visit, and those who are believers in the astral bodies which people say we possess, may be able to give an explanation of it.

My Astral Double.

It was on the Wednesday evening before my first visit that I found myself standing on the platform of Edgware-road Station. Had not an unforeseen engagement suddenly intervened I should have attended Madame Vera's meeting that same evening, for I had written to make an appointment for that particular date. Prevented by this unforeseen engagement from carrying out my intention, I had nevertheless been present in spirit, as it were, at Madame Vera's, and while standing on the platform waiting for my train, was engaged in wondering how the séance had gone off.

Suddenly from among the large crowd of people collected on the platform an elderly lady disengaged herself, and coming up to me said in an interested tone, "And how did you like Madame Vera this evening? Was she not wonderful?"

"I was not there," I answered, much taken aback at this remark. "I had hoped to go, but was prevented by an engagement." The elderly lady persisted.

She was sure I had been there; it was impossible she could have been mistaken, or why had she singled me out among all that crowd of people if she had not recognised me? Strenuously I denied the fact of my presence, and the lady, forced to believe my statement, then informed me that it must have been my astral double she had seen, and she supposed this was accounted for by my strong desire to be included among the audience that evening!

I Meet My Rival.

On my second visit the proceedings began in the same manner with a hymn, and Madame Vera glided into the room in the trance-like attitude she had before assumed. We had previously been informed by her husband that this evening Madame would first answer our inquiries by means of mental questions on our parts, to which she would reply through symbols. The inquirer was to stand up facing Madame, ask the question mentally, and the clairvoyante would then reply.

Not far from where I sat was a girl whose face I knew sadly too well. It was the one that stood between me and my happiness! She rose slowly and fixed her eyes on Madame, looking anxiously at her with a world of inquiry in her eyes. As the question was only mentally given, no one in the audience was of course aware of what she was asking. Madame Vera fixed her eyes upon her.

"No," she said at length, after a moment's pause, "your desire will not be gratified." I saw the girl steady herself by placing one hand on the chair in front of her. "The symbol is an empty basket from which the fruit has all rolled away." The girl sat down. Her face had grown very pale, and there was a look of suffering about it that struck me to the heart. At that moment it became impossible for me to stand up and ask my own question.

The Language of Symbolism.

My neighbour, a man of about forty, with a clever face, then stood up. "Yes," answered Madame, "you will get your wish. Your symbol is a roll of music and some verses. I see them in sunshine. It is an augury of success." Do you understand the symbol?" "Yes," said the man with a pleased smile, "I understand." And sitting down, he explained to his friend that he had just written the words and music of a song, and had asked Madame Vera whether it would be successful.

Among other symbols which Madame gave to her interested audience were "A locket with a spring which will only open to your touch," an answer addressed to a friend of mine who had asked mentally whether she would win the love of a man who was difficult to please, and "A ship laden with goods sailing into the harbour," explained later by the inquirer as an appropriate answer to his question "whether his trade was likely to improve."

Madame Vera at Fault.

But time and space forbid me to mention the numerous symbolical answers given by Madame Vera to the mental questions addressed to her. With few exceptions the audience seemed satisfied with the answers, and nearly all professed to understand the symbols.

When my own turn came I felt that it would be impossible for me to ask the question nearest my heart. In its place I substituted one. "Will the play I have just sent to the manager of a certain theatre be accepted?" Madame paused for a few seconds, and then said, "Yes, and the symbol is a harvest fully ripe."

I regret to say that Madame's prediction in this respect was not verified, as that particular play was returned the very next morning! But a great believer in the clairvoyante comforted me by saying that Madame Vera evidently foresaw another manager than the one of whom I was thinking, and all I had to do was to persevere! But now came the second test of Madame's powers. Whilst the sibyl sat with closed eyes, we were supplied with slips of paper on which we might write any question we chose. The slips were then folded, placed in a tray, and given to Madame by her husband. Standing up the clairvoyante then opened each slip in turn and read aloud the question. While answering it she pressed the slip of paper across her forehead, and with rather a dramatic gesture threw out her left arm as though to arrest our attention. The first question read out sent a cold shiver through me. "Is it true that the man to whom I am engaged really loves another woman?"

For a few seconds there was silence. On Madame Vera's face came an indication of pain, as though she herself were agitated. "Yes," she said presently, pressing the paper more firmly across her forehead, "it is true. I feel pain and trouble—the man is suffering. He has an affection for you, but it is not love. His real heart is given to another woman. But do not fear. He will keep to his word if you desire it. He is too honourable to break a promise, but ah!" and Madame sighed deeply, "I feel the pain and the sorrow of his heart. And there is something else"—she began to pace up and down the floor in agitation—"I feel a sensation of great physical pain—something crushes me—I am beneath wheels—it is terrible!"

Here Madame's husband intervened. Madame Vera must give up reading further impressions from this questioner. It was affecting her too deeply. He took the paper from the clairvoyante's hand and substituted another. Mechanically I listened to replies given to other questions. There were answers to queries on business, many of them I was told later being singularly accurate, and many were the tragedies revealed as Madame recounted her impressions.

Again I had not dared to write the real question I wished answering. "Would there be any improvement in my material affairs?" was the inquiry I did ask. "Yes," answered Madame quickly, "in a month's time there would be a distinct change for the better, and for the future you need not worry."

I had not dared to look at the girl who sat two rows in front of me. When the séance was over and it was my turn to shake hands with the sibyl, I said to her hurriedly, "Will you tell me whether one clairvoyante does not sometimes give a wrong reading to something she may see, either in the crystal or by psychommetry?" For a second Madame hesitated. "It is possible," she said briefly. "All clairvoyantes have not the true gift of divination, and they may interpret the signs wrongly."

As I passed out my dress brushed against that worn by my rival, whose face was pale and set in anguish. My heart bled for her. Well, I would try another sibyl and see whether she would read the future in any different fashion from the others.

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A MARRIAGE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Drawn for the "Daily Illustrated Mirror" by Miss HOARE.

It is not often that a wedding is celebrated in Westminster Abbey, and therefore all the more interest is taken in such an occasion as the marriage of Miss Agatha Thynne to Lord Hindlip, which took place yesterday in that great fane. Nothing suits an edifice like Westminster Abbey more than simplicity, and it was that note that the bride's wedding gown struck, made as it was of snow-white satin, perfectly plain and long, and without an extra Court train.

The sole trimming given to the dress was an exquisite flounce of Brussels point lace festooned round it and matched by a fichu of the same lace folded over the bodice. The puffed satin sleeves opened over under-ones of white chiffon, and here and there were bunches of real orange blossoms mingled with myrtle and heather. Onion is the new shade of white, in which there is a suspicion of palest grey-green, and it was of onion white that Lady Hindlip's going-away dress was made. The fabric was cloth of the very finest description, and once again a note of simplicity was struck, for the long skirt and the bolero were only lightly trimmed with strappings. But the shirt that was worn with the toilette was made of real lace, and the white beaver hat was trimmed with sable to match the splendid stole of the same fur that the bride wore over her shoulders.

At many recent weddings lately, picture frocks of the Romney character, with hats dipped in front and at the back, and prettily plumed or wreathed with flowers, have been chosen. Their effect is excellent en masse, nor is this a fashion that suits only a single type of beauty, for every young face and girlish figure is enhanced by the picturesque frocks of the Romney period. Miss Thynne's four grown-up bridesmaids and the three little girls who followed them wore Romney frocks of white mousseline de soie, made with tucked skirts and full bodice gathered in at the waist by means of very deep belts of the brightest pink taffetas. The four elder bridesmaids wore completely white picture hats, but the three children had a touch of pink in theirs.

THE HOUSEWIFE'S BUREAU.

A LEAGUE FOR THE HELP OF BUSY WOMEN.

The more varied the range of recipes sent in for this bureau the more useful it will be. I do not mean to infer that there is a superfluity of hints in any one direction yet, but I do think that we are apt to imagine that notions that cannot be classified under the head of cookery, household, or nursery are not worth having; whereas they are, truly so. Contributions should be addressed: The Editress, Housewife's Bureau, *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, 2, Carmelite-street, London, E.C.

SMOKED HADDOCK PIE.

(Mrs. Austin Harris, 40, Hans-place, S.W.)

Ingredients:—One smoked haddock, four hard-boiled eggs, a little sliced onion, a sliced tomato, butter, mashed potatoes. Boil a fine smoked haddock for five minutes. Take it out and remove the skin and bones. Keep a teacupful of the water in which it was boiled. Boil four eggs hard (say for ten minutes). Put into a pie-dish a layer of the fish, a sliced hard-boiled egg, a little onion sliced, and also a tomato sliced, and a little pepper. Repeat this until the dish is full. Pour over the filled pie-dish the teacupful of the water in which the fish was boiled. Place a few dabs of butter on top. Cover the whole with mashed potatoes, and bake it. This is an excellent dish.

TO MAKE CURACOA.

(From Mrs. R. M. Goddard, 22, Enid-street, Bermondsey, S.E.)

Take the peel of three dozen Seville oranges, 2½lb. of white sugar candy, pounded very fine, 2oz. of cinnamon, and four bottles of brandy. Put the whole into a large stone bottle, and shake it occasionally. Bottle it in three weeks' time. *This is a very delicious liqueur.*

AN EASY WAY TO BOIL GREEN PEAS.

After shelling the peas, place them in a white muslin bag, with some mint and a piece of sugar. Tie the bag up. Add a little borax to the water when the peas are boiling. They will look nice and green and be very soft and tender cooked in this way, and the flavour will be retained. They will also keep longer hot, and can be served up quicker—a great advantage.

RECIPE FOR MEAT-PIE JELLY.

(From E. B., Wealdstone.)

Here is a very good and wholesome jelly for home-made pies. Put into a stewpan four pounds of the knuckle of veal, a pig's foot, a shank of mutton, and a slice of lean ham, a bundle of sweet herbs, two blades of mace, two large onions, a slice of lemon, a teaspoonful of mixed peppercorns, and a bunch of parsley. Cover it with water, and as soon as it boils, skim it well, then let it simmer until the meat leaves the bones. Strain it through a wire sieve into a basin. When cold and set remove every particle of fat, so that none remains upon the surface. This is an old-fashioned recipe.

APPLE SPONGE.

(From Mrs. A. E. Bates, 43, Crofton-road, Peckham, S.E.)

Dissolve half a pound of loaf-sugar in a little water. Cut ten large apples, and put them in the syrup, and when they are quite done take them from the fire, and rub them through a sieve.

Beat the whites of two or three eggs to a stiff froth, and mix it with the apples, also one ounce of gelatine.

Put all into a mould, stand it in a cool place, turn it out, and serve it with custard.

MARMALADE.

(From Mrs. E. J. Flint, 17, The Crescent, Maidenhead.)

Six Seville oranges, six pounds of sugar, six pints of water, two lemons. Cut the oranges and lemons into thin slices, and put them to soak in the six pints of water. Remove the pips, put them in a separate basin, with half a pint of water. Let the fruit and pips stand all night, then boil the fruit gently for an hour; add the sugar and the water in which the pips were soaked, which must be strained, and boil the whole very fast for forty minutes.

This is a very easy recipe. I have used it for years and never had a failure.

TO REPAINT A ROOM OR OLD STAINED FURNITURE.

(Mrs. Mabel Fitch, Fay Gate, Sussex.)

Buy a jar of Japan black, which will cost 1s., and mix with it about two pennyworth of turpentine. This quantity will do two rooms—namely, two doors, two mantelpieces, two windows, and wainscoting. It resembles old oak.

TO FRESHEN FLOWERS.

Drooping flowers will freshen wonderfully if the tips of the stems are cut off and the flowers stood in hot water for a few minutes.

A LADY'S MAID'S HINT.

HOW TO ACCOMPLISH A DIFFICULT TASK.

The girl who cannot button up her blouse at the back for herself should observe the following rules, and then she will be able to overcome the difficulty:—

Button the second button first.

Begin at the top.

After having buttoned the second button from the top, tackle the fourth button from the top, skipping one button—in other words, button the second and fourth buttons from the top first.

To do this put the arms round the neck with the hands over the shoulders. Reach as far downward as possible; if the buttons are small, button the first and sixth one without lowering the hands.

Now, still working from the top, go back and button the alternate buttons; that is to say, the ones that have been skipped. Next, take the blouse and arrange it in front, pulling it down and setting it into place.

Now, with the left hand, reach behind and button the lower buttons. Some girls use the right hand for this, but it is not the best way.

Button each lower button carefully, for if one is omitted the whole fit of the blouse is spoiled. Lastly, button the top button.

When the blouse has been securely fastened so that it can neither gape nor burst open, it must be tied down round the belt line. To do this place a pin in the middle of the front of the waist or use a corset hook. Now take a tape and put it round the waist, pull it tightly and bring it down in the middle of the front, and tie it under the pin. Unless this is pulled tight it is no good at all.

Next provide yourself with safety pins, and use at least four of them in pinning down the blouse. Place one at each side of the back and one on each side of the front. The big safety pins are best for the purpose, and if possible they should match the colour of the shirt. The women who look the smartest are those who make a point of dressing slowly and who never put on a blouse in a hurry.

DOCTORS' FORTUNES.

Famous Physicians Earn Huge Incomes, But Many Die Comparatively Poor.

Was Sir Henry Thompson, the famous surgeon, whose death was announced yesterday, a rich man? The fact, of course, will be disclosed when his will is proved.

Sir Benjamin Brodie, who practised for more than fifty years, only left £18,000. Sir William Laurence fared but slightly better, for after practising for forty-one years he could only manage to save £40,000.

But, on the other hand, Sir William Gull, the distinguished practitioner who attended the King during his illness in 1872, died worth £344,000. His is generally supposed to be the largest fortune ever amassed by a medical man; but this is not so. Dr. Blundell, of Piccadilly, a practitioner whose services were greatly sought after by ladies, bequeathed £350,000. Sir J. Erasmus Wilson, famous for his skill in the treatment of skin diseases and blood poisoning, died worth £264,301. The late Mr. Brickwell, of Tottenham, was very rich for a local practitioner. This gentleman left £30,000 to the Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men.

Sir E. Wilson bequeathed £200,000 to the Royal College of Surgeons, in addition to £5,000 to other charitable institutions.

Sir Oscar Clayton, one of the surgeons to the King, made money rapidly, and died worth £146,000.

Medical Manners.

A bland and courtly manner like that of the late Sir Henry Thompson's has frequently been of assistance even to doctors possessed of the greatest skill. But the late Sir Andrew Clark, strange to relate, owed some of his success to a straightforwardness of diction which admitted of no denial. It is related that on one occasion, after being laid up with a severe cold, Mr. Gladstone was stealing out, bent on a surreptitious walk, when he was waylaid by Sir Andrew, who had foreseen the design, and sternly ordered him back to bed. Sir Andrew had an iron will, so his patient obeyed. He left his family £204,000, every penny of which was earned by good work.

The savings of Sir William Bowman, after fifty years' hard work, amounted to £103,948. Sir William was a celebrated occulist, but his practice was not a tithe of that enjoyed by Mr. Crichett, of Harley-street, who some years since declined a fee of £10,000 to perform an operation on a potentate resident in India.

Heavy Expenses.

Sir George Burrows was seventy-four when he obtained his title; he put by £104,628.

The fees of Sir Astley Cooper once averaged £21,000 a year, but he was only able to leave £80,000 behind him, although he was over seventy when he died. Sir Charles Locock's will was sworn under £100,000.

It is a melancholy fact, however, that out of the thousands of really able men, whose skill has ameliorated so much suffering, only a comparatively few have left behind them fortunes exceeding £20,000.

The question therefore arises, where does the money medical men earn go to? Much of it doubtless in charity. Then, again, few people have any idea of the enormous expenses a doctor in a fashionable practice incurs. Many of them spend more than half their incomes maintaining the style of living necessary for their position.

No better instance can be afforded of this than the expenditure of Sir Morell Mackenzie. His average for the last few years of his life exceeded £30,000 per annum. No wonder that he died a comparatively poor man, notwithstanding the huge practice he enjoyed.

Reflections.

The form of Mr. Austen Chamberlain's first Budget speech was excellent. The matter of it disappointed everyone who hoped for a display of real financial talent. He explained himself clearly, but not all his aptness of speech could explain away his utter failure to rise to the occasion. Instead of thinking out some plan to put our system of taxation on a broader, wiser basis, he has merely given a few screws another twist. There is no more evidence of constructive statecraft in this year's Budget than there was in the Budgets of Mr. Ritchie or Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Youth has failed equally with experience and middle age.

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The unfortunate middle-class taxpayer has to face a shilling-in-the-pound income-tax, in addition to paying more, in common with everybody else, for his tea and tobacco. Never in the history of the income-tax has it stood at a shilling in time of peace. It was a melancholy tale of depressed trade and industry which the Chancellor of the Exchequer had to tell, but surely this might have shown him that the moment was not opportune for increasing the burdens of those who are most hardly hit by the depression. Any Treasury clerk could make a Budget like this. Paying Mr. Austen Chamberlain £5,000 a year to do it is an extravagance which we cannot afford.

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The Prince of Wales has inherited both his mother's kind heart and his father's knack of doing the right thing in the right way. When he went to St. George's Hospital to see one of his Marlborough House servants who is laid up, he made no fuss; walked in like any ordinary visitor; would not allow the routine of hospital work to be disturbed; and had nothing whatever sent to the papers about his kindly act. It is this sinking of the Royal Personage in the private individual that makes our reigning house so popular. There is a time for ceremony and display, and a time for quiet, unostentatious citizenship. The Royal Family know how to make the best use of both.

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It is a pity Sir Henry Thompson, the great advocate of Cremation, did not live to see it generally adopted as the best method of disposing of the dead. Earth-burial is a hideous mistake in crowded cities, and ought not to be permitted. Its danger to the living cannot be excused for sentimental reasons; if, indeed, these really exist. With most people who think at all, sentiment is on the side of purification by fire, and against the revolting methods of interment in densely-filled cemeteries.

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In this pleasant weather the warming of railway carriages is fortunately not a subject of pressing interest. It is curious, though, to notice how the British antipathy to change comes out in the complaints about over-heated compartments. No sooner have the railways introduced a sensible method of keeping their passengers comfortable than a violent agitation is got up for the restoration of—the footwarmer! *There is no difficulty* in believing the story of the Englishman in Heaven who wanted to write to the "Times" because he had caught cold through sitting on a damp cloud.

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"Winston Churchill," said a shrewd judge of character, when Lord Randolph's elder son entered Parliament, "cannot pretend to be a Tory long. He will some day be a Radical Prime Minister." The prophecy is well on its way to come true. "Winston" has definitely joined the Radical party, and is certain of office when the Opposition capture the Government benches. If he keeps his health, he has a great future before him. He has backbone and determination. His industry is untiring. He speaks well. In fact, he is the ablest and most interesting of all our younger politicians.

OUR SERIAL.

Stage-Struck.

By SIDNEY WARWICK.

PERSONS OF THE STORY.

JANET DESBOROUGH: A beautiful girl anxious, against her parent's wish, to go on the stage. She has undoubted dramatic talent.

JOHN GRAY: A barrister in love with Janet who has, however, refused him.

HERBERT DAVENTRY: A scoundrelly actor who has seen Janet act in private theatricals, got himself introduced to her, and has married her in order to live on her earnings as an actress.

MRS. ROSS: Janet's Aunt, with whom she was staying in London at the time when Daventry lured her into a secret marriage.

CHAPTER XI. The Girl Becomes a Woman.

Janet stood by the bookstall in Brighton Station and without much interest read the titles of the row of books labelled latest novels, to occupy the time until the train started. She had been Mrs. Daventry just three weeks. The honeymoon was over, and to-day she and her husband were returning to London.

She waited on the platform alone. Daventry was at the bar in the refreshment room; one or two acquaintances of his, who happened to be acting in Brighton that week, had turned up at the station to see them off; the men had promptly adjourned to the refreshment room for drinks. Janet had declined her husband's suggestion that she should accompany them. She had seen the laughing, noisy group disappear into the bar with a certain sense of relief that was like a little marginal comment to the closing chapter of their honeymoon. They were going back to town; the new unknown life lay before her; she was definitely to begin her stage career. As she waited on the cold platform she wondered if the new life would ever touch the old again, the old life from which, by her marriage, she had cut herself adrift.

Daventry came rushing out of the bar a minute or two before the train started.

"Harry, old chap, I do wish you'd run and get me a 'Stage' at the bookstall," he cried, to one of his friends; "oh, and something for the missus to read, as well," he shouted, as an afterthought, as "Harry" obligingly went off on his errand. Daventry hurried Janet along the platform by the train, searching for a carriage. "You don't mind a smoker, do you, old girl?" And without waiting for an answer he bustled her into a third-class smoking compartment. "An empty carriage, that's good! Crowd up round the door, you boys; don't want any of the British public in."

The little, unshaven man who had gone to the bookstall for him hurried up, brandishing the "Stage" and a sixpenny ladies' paper.

"You didn't say what you wanted, Herbert, but I expect this'll be in Mrs. Daventry's line."

"Do capitally," as Daventry took them in through the carriage window. "Thanks very much, old chap. Hullo, we're just off. Well, so long, boys. Be running up against you some day, I suppose, shaking hands vigorously. The train started, and "Harry" on the platform was left ruefully reflecting that Daventry had conveniently forgotten to repay the eightpence expended on his behalf, "the price of four blooming bitters," as the little man gloomily phrased it. Daventry was a practiced hand at such little pleasing economies.

Daventry settled himself comfortably in the corner opposite to Janet, and bit the end off a cigar.

"Well, little woman, we're going back to work now. We'll go and see the agent to-morrow about looking out for a shop. Just about the worse time in the year, though, with the pantos coming on. By the way, Cockburn 'll call you 'my dear'; but you mustn't mind that. It means nothing; they all do it, and one mustn't offend Cockburn. And whilst I think of it, Janet, you'll have to keep it dark with managers that you're an amateur. By Jove here's the very thing. Your last engagement was with my company, that finished at York, you know. That's the tale to pitch 'em. What?" he cried.

"But you don't mean that you want me to say I have had engagements before?" asked Janet, incredulously. "You can't mean that, Herbert. It wouldn't be the truth."

"Near enough not to matter. Hang it, you did play with the company, didn't you?—for one night, at any rate. That's good enough, isn't it? Managers aren't exactly waiting to receive amateurs with open arms—amateurs without premiums, any way!" The last words made him smile, as though they provoked some exquisitely humorous remembrance. "Squeamish little fool!" he added to himself, as he buried himself in the "Stage."

Janet turned over the pages of the illustrated paper, but her reading was the merest pretence, and after a while she laid it aside and sat looking out of the window. The train was tearing along. Hedges, trees, telegraph poles flew past. She was being hurried breathlessly along to her new life as she had been hurried into marriage.

The thought made her glance across at her husband. He reclined in the opposite corner, his muddy yellow boots with white spats on the cushions, smoking, and absorbed in the "Stage." He seemed to be reading the entire paper from cover to cover. On the seat beside him lay the pocket-flask of whisky which he had carefully filled before they left the hotel that morning.

He was her husband, whom she had sworn to love, honour, and obey. He was her husband, yet, somehow, the prospect of going with him to their strange lodgings in London seemed oddly cheerless and lonely. He was her husband, yet what would she not have given to find one of the dear, familiar faces belonging to her old life waiting to welcome her at the journey's end. She felt homesick—and she had no home; only the strange lodgings she was going to with her husband. He could not know how lonely she felt, or he would not sit there reading. He would come to her side and talk to her, cheer her up with the little tendernesses a woman needs. She had given up everything for him—was so utterly dependent on him now. And he sat absorbed in his paper.

She was glad the honeymoon was over. She was glad that hard work was so soon going to begin. During those three weeks in Brighton she had been left with too much time in which to think, to observe. Those three weeks had begun the gradual process of smudging out the picture, as her mind had painted it, of the man she had married. She had tried to shut her eyes to facts, but she was beginning to see that the mental picture was not the portrait of her husband. Day by day the resemblance between the portrait and the man had grown less.

She had written a long letter to her mother the day after her marriage. The writing of that letter had been almost the hardest task she had faced in her life. Her mother had replied in three lines:

"Janet, I did not think you could have done this, you, my first-born child. But I will not reproach you."

Enclosed had been a cheque for twenty pounds, which Janet knew her mother could ill afford.

Ethel's letter had been longer. She wrote in a heat of indignation that did not spare her sister.

Mrs. Ross had not answered her letter at all.

Doubtless she had deserved all their anger, all their contempt, Janet told herself; but that did not make it easier to bear. She had estranged her people; she was dependent now on her husband's affection, and if he failed her——

"I am glad our honeymoon is over, that work will soon begin! I must work hard, I mustn't have time to think too much!" Janet told herself, almost fiercely, as the train hurried her along to London, to her new life. "I mustn't have time to think too much!"

She was thinking of her husband, of the difference between the real man and the ideal portrait her mind had painted. She had learned so much that she had never dreamed of before during those three weeks; the fierce white search-light of that intimacy that married life brings had beaten so cruelly on so many illusions. She fought, as a woman will, against the growing disillusionment; but facts forced themselves relentlessly upon her.

She had given him her mother's cheque to cash. She had scarcely touched the money herself, yet it was nearly all gone, frittered uselessly away. He had spent it, spent it recklessly, foolishly, on his own pleasures. She tried to keep herself from thinking it, but the question insisted itself on her mind; had he a gentleman's fine sense of honour in money matters?

"I wish," he had said one day, "that you could get your rich relatives to come down handsomely to finance a tour for us, Janet."

She thought he must be joking; it seemed impossible that he should be willing for her to ask for money from people whose feelings he had flouted. He must be joking, but even such a joke was of such a doubtful taste that it jarred upon her.

"Of course, I was not serious," he answered quickly, guessing her thoughts.

But she wondered now whether there might not have been a grain of seriousness in the words.

She tried to think that her mind was exaggerating; and yet he had seemed both surprised and annoyed when she refused to go with him into hotel bars. He was for ever dropping in for drinks, and seemed to think it only right and natural she should accompany him. He had not been pleased at her coolness towards certain fluffy-haired young ladies of his acquaintance when he introduced her; they proved to be ladies of the chorus of a second-rate musical comedy company, playing in Brighton.

"Well, Davvy, old chap, so you've settled down at last!" was a specimen of their genial greeting, when an introduction took place on the Front one morning. "If your missus knew as much about you as we, she wouldn't let you have a latchkey, eh?" with a wink.

Janet's disgust was evident in her face. It irritated the suspiciously-golden-haired speaker.

"Well, so-long, Ladybird," she said, with a shrill, unpleasant laugh. "The temperature's too freezing, so we'll toddle along. We're making your madam jealous, I can see!"

"You mustn't mind this sort of thing, Janet," Daventry said as they went on. "They're all right; it's only their way. It's a bit strange to you now, our free-and-easy ways, but you'll get used to it."

"Well, I can't say you're very lively, Janet," said Daventry, looking up suddenly, and dropping his paper to stretch himself. "Must take you out to a bit of a dinner to-night, somewhere where we'll find a pal or two, and see if that'll liven you up a bit."

It was curious how after marriage he had dropped completely the high-flown sentiments he had aired so constantly, his references to the "great moral force" exercised by the stage. But, after all, why should he keep up the pretence now his end was gained? A man couldn't keep that sort of "guff" up for ever, he told himself. In fact, he sometimes found conversation with Janet rather difficult; long silences fell between them. After all, they had little in common. He was already beginning to tell himself that she was not "his sort."

"Too confoundedly squeamish and prim; she hasn't an ounce of snap in her. Give me a girl with plenty of chaff!" ran his thoughts.

The prospect of dining out with his friends was not alluring. She felt she knew what his friends would be like; she had seen enough of his acquaintances during those three weeks to form a fair estimate. If only she could have slipped away to her aunt's flat in Kensington for a little while, and her aunt had put her arms round her in token of forgiveness. . . .

Conversation languished. Daventry lit another cigar, and lay back with his eyes closed, thinking. He was getting hard-up. Good thing the old lady had sent Janet that £20. They'd have found themselves stony by now otherwise.

That had been a smart stroke of his, that Mortimer business. A pity he had to turn it up so soon. So simple, too, just to advertise for amateurs with a premium. How the money had come rolling in! It was a stroke of financial genius that.

"What a lot of fat-headed amateurs there must be in the kingdom! Cooks and counter-jumpers—all sorts writing in, all with their five-bob booking fees, and not a few with some of the premium on account! Lord, what a harvest! The plunder I'd have scooped, if I'd not had to bolt just when things were at their best. Those dashed police always stick their noses in," ran the thread of his reflections.

He looked out of the window. They were nearing London now. Suburban stations were flying past. Tickets would be collected at Grosvenor-road Station. He felt in his pockets for the tickets, and rose to lift his bag from the overhead rack to the seat. He would be glad to be in London again. It had been a pretty tame affair, his honeymoon. He liked a girl with more "go" in her.

"Sha'n't be long now," he told her. "We're just coming to Grosvenor-road. Pretty quick run, but I sha'n't be sorry to stretch my legs. On tour one gets such an infernal lot of travelling, slow trains on Sundays. Wait till you've had some experience of 'em, and you'll know!"

The train stopped for the collection of the tickets. A guard walked along the platform opening doors; the ticket-collectors went quickly about their work.

A tall man in a blue serge suit, who walked with rather a military erectness, was loitering apparently aimlessly on the platform with a friend, and made some remark to the guard. Then the guard walked a few yards back and spoke to a ticket-collector. The sound of slamming doors proceeded merrily.

"Hope they won't keep us waiting all day," said Daventry.

The ticket-collector came to the door of their carriage, took the tickets, let his eyes fall for a moment on the bold initials "H. D." painted on the bag on the seat, and stood waiting outside the door instead of shutting it. The action puzzled Daventry. A shade of uneasiness began to show in his face.

"Well, you've got the tickets; what are you waiting for? They're all right, I suppose?"

He crossed quickly to the door; the man still stood there without answering. Daventry saw the guard coming up; the heavily-built man in blue serge and his companion were loitering up behind the guard. His uneasiness increased.

"Is it yours, the luggage in the van labelled 'Daventry?'" asked the guard.

"Yes; what do you want to know for?"

Janet saw the dawning fear in her husband's face as he answered, and a vague uneasiness assailed her, too. The question was simple; why should he look so white and nervous?

The guard gave a little nod to the loitering man in the blue serge suit. He came up quickly and stepped into the carriage, followed by his companion.

"I am sorry for your sake, madam, but I must do my duty," he said civilly to Janet.

Daventry was white and nerveless. But he tried to bluster. "What—what do you mean?"

"Herbert Daventry, alias Mortimer," the man answered, in quick incisive tones, "I have to arrest you on the charge of obtaining moneys on fraudulent pretences."

Daventry had started back; the plain-clothes man made a quick movement forward; a pair of handcuffs were snapped on his wrist.

"I warn you that anything you may say——"

There was a low gasping cry of agonised horror from the white-faced woman returning from her honeymoon. Janet fell back fainting.

To be continued to-morrow.

"PLUNGING" AT EPSOM.

A 40 to 1 Chance for the City and Suburban Shortens to 7 to 1 in an Hour.

"GREY FRIARS'" POINTERS FOR TO-DAY.

Epsom, well-liked by all racing folk and known all the world over chiefly because of the Derby, is fertile in surprises. The opening of the Spring Meeting yesterday upheld the tradition. The chief prize on the programme—the Great Metropolitan Stakes—led to the defeat of Mark Time, one of the warmest favourites ever known in the history of the race, after a struggle brimful with exciting incidents. The winner was Lord Cadogan's Elba, a mare that once had the honour of beating Sceptre at the same Doncaster meeting at which, two days previously, the peerless Sceptre had won the St. Leger. There were, unfortunately, some accidents yesterday, but none interfered either with Elba or Mark Time to their serious prejudice, and Lord Cadogan's mare won on her merits.

Elba jumped into fame by beating Sceptre, and on the strength of that performance was made a hot favourite for the following Cesarewitch. She failed badly in that race, and, indeed, the filly did not win a race last year. Hence the prices (100 to 8 at the finish) laid against her for the Great Metropolitan. In some quarters of the ring 20 to 1 was on offer! It may be set down that a difference of a pound in weight represents a difference of a length at the close of a two and a quarter mile race, so as Mark Time had to put up 5lbs. penalty for winning the paltry Hainton Plate at Lincoln his defeat by half a length by Elba shows that without the penalty the tables would have been turned, and the enormous losses involved would have been averted. Moreover, the price of Mark Time would doubtless have been different, and instead of "even" money and odds-on comparatively liberal rates would have been on offer.

Great Metropolitan Betting.

Sir Ernest Cassel's Lovat was most fancied of the Newmarket division, and started second in the market to Mark Time, Parody coming next, and Elba (who is not now trained at Newmarket, but by Cole at Exton) figuring at the same rate as Rightful. The last-named has been a disappointing horse to his popular owner. He was now fancied, again ran well, but could get no nearer than fourth. Rightful looked very well in the parade, and cantered past the stands in as good style as Elba. An old stable companion of the latter, Servitor, carrying Mr. C. S. Newton's well-known colours, led the parade with eleven others following, as the ill-tempered Puerto took no part in the preliminaries, and in hood and blinkers subsequently joined the troop at the starting-gate. Mark Time, sleepy-looking as usual, appeared in fine fettle. His chesnut coat gleamed like gold, and in his slow paces as he cantered past there was evidence to command him to lovers of beautiful action. To be seen at his best the colt requires waking-up. Indeed, he seemed about to fall asleep a few moments before when being saddled in the paddock—and in this respect was a contrast to Elba, who showed undue friskiness.

One of the great attractions of this most picturesque of races is that the start takes place right opposite the stands, so that every incident is quite within the purview of spectators. There was much to arouse more than ordinary interest as the troop got marshalled behind the webbing, Mr. Hugh Owen acting as starter. Great and efficient care was taken of Puerto, who was led up to the barrier, but several others indulged in more or less perilous antics. Flor di Cuba made Lord Wolverton's hooped jacket conspicuous by rearing up on its hind legs and letting out in boxing style with his fore at St. Patrick's Day, but the Irish-named one was not in fighting mood. The fractious behaviour seemed infectious. The long-tailed Parody joined in with Grey Tick, and Mark Time delivered a severe kicking to Astolat. There was not much delay, and it was barely eleven minutes after time when the gate was raised to a beautiful start. All got off in a fine line except Servitor, who dwelt for the fraction of a second and thus lost ground.

The Race Described.

Lovat, who had gone rather scrappy in the canter, now extended himself and led the field, but as they turned before reaching the top of the straight near Tattenham Corner, and started on the first of the loop, Puerto, St. Patrick's Day, and Lovat, and Mark Time led in the order named, and soon afterwards Servitor went on in front of Flor di Cuba. The favourite thus held fourth position close up to the leaders as they curved round the furzes, and emerged on the Derby course. The competitors were lost to clear view for a moment, and then a most regrettable thing happened on the top of the hill. St. Patrick's Day cut into the heels of an opponent, and fell. Over him tumbled Grey Tick, and into the pair of fallen horses galloped Induction. Immediately in the heels of the smashed-up group came Elba and Servitor, but their riders (Lane and Maher) managed to avoid the mêlée. And then we saw Mark Time come away on the brow of the hill lengths clear of Elba, Servitor, Puerto, and Lovat. Down the steep towards famous Tattenham Corner bowled the favourite, and shouts were already raised anticipating his easy victory. Mark Time had not quite reached the bend, when Elba diminished the gap, and as the pair reached the straight the issue was reduced to a match. Elba, when fairly in the line, put in some fine work, got on terms with the favourite, and in another instant the complexion of the great struggle was completely altered. The pair raced side by side, but whereas McCall was desperately at work on Mark Time, Lane was going smoothly but strenuously on Elba. The excitement grew to an intensity at the half-distance, but Elba wore down her opponent, and scored a remarkably clever win by half a length from Mark Time, who was himself quite five lengths in front of Lovat.

Fortunately the jockeys of the upset horses, Otto Madden, and the little boys, McIntyre and Benson, escaped without serious injury. Madden was quite knocked out, and looked hurt when driven back in a motor-car. He was dazed, but a brandy and soda pulled him round in the weighing-room. Unhappily Grey Tick, who will be best remembered as winner of the Cesarewitch for Mr. W. Bass in his first attempt on that great race, broke a thigh, and soon afterwards was mercifully shot. A majority of the riders were loud in complaint against a certain jockey, whose unjustifiable tactics, it is alleged, led to the accident. Rumour said a formal complaint for foul riding had been lodged against him. But I may leave all that to the proper authorities.

The minor races were full of interest, and I doubt if a better day's sport has ever been seen at a Spring Meeting at Epsom. The day was as of summer in its sunshine and sweet breezes, the course in splendid order, and, apart from the actual racing, there was some sensational business done on the City and Suburban Handicap. Mr. Sam Darling, master of the Beckhampton stable, supplied the material. Niphetos, a five-year-old mare, bred in Australia, daughter of the well-known English horse Bill of Portland, who has made a very high reputation as a sire in his Colonial quarters, has never done anything of credit since coming to England. But she has a brilliant record as a racer at the Antipodes, and from time to time has been expected to reproduce some of that good form here. Niphetos has run many times on English courses without distinction. She has always run unbacked—at any rate, without a quotation—and a remarkable point about her is a most pronounced objection to the gate.

The Run on Niphetos.

The mare has frequently been left at the post, as witness her experience last season at Newmarket and Manchester. However, the case at present stands thus: Forty-eight hours ago you could get 40 to 1 against Niphetos for the City and Suburban; yesterday afternoon it would be difficult to get a bookmaker to lay a seventh of that price. Nor, indeed, had a jockey been yet engaged to ride—and yet within an hour at Epsom she was all the rage in the market. It would be foolish to ignore this candidate. Darling has on other occasions proceeded on similar lines—notably in the case of Ercildoune for the Duke of York Stakes at Kempton Park—and as he is a master of his craft Niphetos may win, and win easily. There is not a move on the board unknown to the trainer of this mare, and his success for many years in big races has been no less remarkable than deserved.

It will be no easy matter to win the "City," as the following list of probable starters and jockeys shows:—

	yrs	st	lb	Jockey.
Mr. E. C. Irish's OVER NORTON, by Adieu—Lady Why	a	8	11	K. Cannon
Capt. Forester's HACKLER'S PRIDE, by Hackler—Comma	4	8	11	B. Dillon
Mr. S. B. Joel's BACHELOR'S BUTTON, by Winkfield—Milady	5	8	8	M. Cannon
Mr. G. A. Prentice's DUMBARTON CASTLE, by Wolf's Crag—Chemistry	4	8	5	O. Madden
Lord Ellesmere's KROONSTAD, by Kilwarlin—Sabra	4	8	3	W. Halsey
Lord Carnarvon's ROBERT LE DIABLE, by Ayrshire—Rose Bay	5	8	2	W. Lane
Mr. W. G. Langland's NOBLESSE, by Raeburn—Noble Countess	5	7	13	—
Sir E. Cassel's LOVE CHARM, by Love Wisely—Omaha	4	7	11	H. Aylin
Mr. J. Hammond's BURSES, by Childwick—Bendlet	5	7	10	J. H. Martin
Mr. G. Faber's LOVEITE, by St. Frusquin—Orle	5	7	10	—
Mr. J. Buchanan's KANO, by Trenton—Rabia	4	7	9	—
Mr. E. Ellam's SWITCHCAP, by Colarado—Bay Celia	4	7	7	E. McIntyre
Mr. H. Sleath Skelton's HAPPY SLAVE, by St. Serf—Good Lady	5	7	7	Butchers†
Mr. J. A. Miller's MURIEL II., by St. Simonmimi—Miss Preston	4	7	3	W. Griggs
Mr. J. F. Hallick's SUN BONNET, by Baton Rouge, dam by Selby—Tertia	a	7	3	G. McCall
Mr. Lionel Robinson's NIPHETOS, by Bill of Portland—Tea Rose	5	7	2	—
Mr. W. Bass's LYCHNOBITE, by Lychnoscope—Felicia	5	7	1	—
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's BASS ROCK, by Grey Leg—Pindi	3	7	0	J. W. East†
Mr. Arthur James's ACHAICUS, by Persimmon—Lucky Lady	5	6	13	T. L. Miller
Miss Clinton's SUN ROSE, by Sheen—Nina	4	6	13	J. Plant
Mr. N. G. Higham's PRINCE ROYAL, by Royal Sovereign—Juno	4	6	12	J. Jarvis
Mr. R. H. Henning's RETRIEVE, by Orme—Seek and Find	3	6	7	F. Hunter†
Mr. J. B. Joel's DEAN SWIFT, by Childwick—Pasquil	3	6	5	C. Trigg
Lord M. Beresford's CERISIER, by Cherry Tree—Last Love	4	6	5	Bott†

† Entitled to 5lb apprentice allowance.

Hackler's Pride gave great satisfaction at exercise, and the confidence in her chance remains undisturbed to those immediately connected with the filly—albeit none know better than they the danger likely to spring from Niphetos. Said a man who is perfectly acquainted with the latter: "I should not take 10 to 1 about Niphetos before seeing her start, but should she get clear away, or on fair terms with her opponents, I would take 2 to 1 she wins the race." And knowing so much about the Beckhampton stable I am now obliged to couple NIPHETOS with HACKLER'S PRIDE in attempting to forecast the result of the race.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

1.30.—Apprentices' Plate—HARRY MELTON.
2. 0.—Tadworth Plate — PEGAWAY COLT or TAMASHA.
2.35.—Kingswood Plate—WILD GANDER.
3.15.—City and Suburban Handicap—HACKLER'S PRIDE or NIPHETOS.
3.50.—Hyde Park Plate—MOLLY BLYTH.
4.25.—Betchworth Plate—IRISH BUCK.
5. 0.—Copthorne Plate—FLEETING LOVE.

GREY FRIARS.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT.

In the *Great Metropolitan* Stakes, when the horses were about a mile from home, there was a scrimmage amongst the leaders, in which St. Patrick's Day and Grey Tick came down and Induction fell over them.

The contretemps led to an inquiry being asked for by Mr. Dawson, the owner of St. Patrick's Day, and the stewards will complete this to-day.

The twenty-sixth annual inter-'Varsity golf match will be played to-day on the Woking links, the first round commencing at 10.30 a.m.

RACING RETURNS.

EPSOM.—TUESDAY.

1.30.—TATTENHAM PLATE of 200 sovs, for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.
Mr. L. E. B. Homan's STEPHEN'S GREEN, by Green Lawn—Talky Talky, 9st .... Halsey 1
Lord Wolverton's C by UGLY—BRAMBLE JELLY, 9st .... H. Jones 2
Mr. H. P. Nickalls's IRRITATE, 8st 2lb (£200) .... J. H. Martin 3
Also ran: Drill colt (8st 5lb), Little Willie (9st), Lady Honora (8st 11lb), Julep (8st 11lb), Knell (8st 11lb), Daisyfield (8st 11lb), Bensavia (8st 11lb), Imported (8st 2lb).
(Winner trained by Walters, jun.)
Betting—5 to 2 each agst Stephen's Green and Lady Honora, 5 to 1 each Bramble Jelly colt and Little Willie, 100 to 8 Irritate or any other (offered). Won by a length; four lengths divided the second and third.

2.5.—NORK PARK PLATE of 200 sovs; second to receive 10 sovs. The last mile of the Derby Course.
Mr. Lionel Robinson's CHALLENGER, by Isinglass—Meddlesome, 3yrs, 8st 2lb .... J. H. Martin 1
Mr. A. L. Duncan's EXTRADITION, 3yrs, 8st 9lb Maher 2
Mrs. A. Barnes's SIR DENNIS, 3yrs, 8st 2lb (car 8st 3lb) .... K. Cannon 3
Also ran: Citrine (3yrs, 7st 13lb), Ariosto (4yrs, 10st), Schnapps (4yrs, 10st).
(Winner trained by S. Darling.)
Betting—11 to 10 on Extradition, 3 to 1 agst Challenger, 6 to 1 Schnapps, 10 to 1 Ariosto, 20 to 1 any other. Won in a canter by six lengths; a neck between the second and third.

2.40.—WESTMINSTER PLATE of 200 sovs, for two-year-olds; second to receive 10 sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. Arthur James's GOLDEN GLEAM, by Bend Or—Fascination, 8st 11lb .... H. Jones 1
Mr. G. Edwardes's GONDOLETTE, 8st 11lb ....Maher 2
Mr. G. Turner's BRIGHT STAR, 9st .... W. Lane 3
Also ran: Gallop On (9st), Lapsa g (9st), Sister Lilia (8st 11lb), Santa Casa g (8st 11lb), Crowned King (8st 11lb), Vieux Jeu (9st), The Sheikh (8st 11lb), Guy Middleton (8st 11lb), Big Gun (8st 11lb), Lady Dandy (8st 11lb).
(Winner trained by R. Marsh.)
Betting—11 to 8 agst Golden Gleam, 5 to 2 Bright Star, 6 to 1 Big Gun, 100 to 8 each Gondolette and Lady Dandy, 20 to 1 any other. Won by a neck; half a length separated the second and third.

3.15.—GREAT METROPOLITAN STAKES (handicap) of 1000 sovs. About two miles and a quarter. Fifty-one entries.
Lord Cadogan's ELBA, by Prisoner—Simoom, 5yrs, 8st 7lb .... W. Lane 1
Mr. J. G. Clarke's MARK TIME, 4yrs, 8st 7lb (5lb ex) .... G. McCall 2
Sir E. Cassel's LOVAT, 4yrs, 8st 9lb .... Halsey 3
Mr. T. Corns's RIGHTFUL, 5yrs, 8st 2lb ..K. Cannon 4
Also ran: Grey Tick (aged, 8st 13lb), Servitor (6yrs, 8st 12lb), Flor di Cuba (4yrs, 7st 5lb), Astolat (3yrs, 6st 12lb), Induction (5yrs, 6st 4lb), St. Patrick's Day (4yrs, 7st 11lb—10lb ex), Florinda (4yrs, 7st 13lb), Parody (5yrs, 7st 8lb), Puerto (6yrs, 7st 11lb).
(Winner trained by Cole.)
Betting—Evens on Mark Time, 7 to 1 agst Lovat, 100 to 9 Parody, 100 to 8 each Rightful and Elba, 100 to 7 Puerto, 100 to 6 Grey Tick, 20 to 1 any other (offered).
After a brief delay the white flag fell to a capital start. Lovat was the smartest to get into his stride, and came on, attended by Florinda, Astolat, Parody, and Puerto, with Grey Tick, Rightful, and Induction next, and Servitor last. After going two hundred yards Puerto showed the way to St. Patrick's Day, Lovat, Rightful, and Mark Time. St. Patrick's Day took up the running after half a mile, slightly in advance of Puerto and Lovat, with Mark Time, Rightful, Elba, and Grey Tick figuring next. A mile from home St. Patrick's Day gave way to Puerto, Elba, and Rightful. Shortly afterwards a lot of scrimmaging occurred, in which St. Patrick's Day, Grey Tick, and Induction fell. Mark Time then came to the front, followed by Elba, Servitor, and Lovat, but after rounding Tattenham Corner Elba closed with the favourite, and the pair fought out a prolonged struggle up the straight, victory ultimately resting with Lord Cadogan's filly by half a length; five lengths away Lovat was third. Rightful was placed fourth by the judge. Time, 4min. 11 2-5sec. The injuries sustained by Grey Tick were found to be so serious as to necessitate his being destroyed.

3.50.—GREAT SURREY HANDICAP of 500 sovs, by subscription of 20 sovs each, 10 ft. or 3 sovs only if declared; second to receive 50 sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. J. Buchanan's BACHELOR'S FANCY, by Winkfield—Fanessa, 4yrs, 6st 11lb .... Hunter 1
Mr. W. Raphael's SKYSCRAPER, 4yrs, 7st 13lb .... B. Dillon 2
Mr. G. Thursby's INDIAN CORN, aged, 7st 7lb ..Trigg 3
Lord Dunraven's LIVIA, 3yrs, 7st .... Griggs 4
Also ran: Master Willie (aged, 9st 7lb), Mimicry (5yrs, 7st 10lb), Goldrush (5yrs, 7st 4lb—7lb ex), Holme Lacy (4yrs, 7st 8lb), Tippler (4yrs, 7st 5lb—car 7st 8lb), Haut en Bas (6yrs, 7st 2lb), Clairetta (4yrs, 6st 10lb), Milford Lad (3yrs, 6st 9lb—car 6st 13lb), Flying Footstep (3yrs, 6st 12lb—car 6st 13lb).
(Winner trained by Major Edwards.)
Betting—7 to 2 agst Indian Corn, 5 to 1 Mimicry, 100 to 14 Skyscraper, 8 to 1 Flying Footstep, 100 to 12 Goldrush, 10 to 1 each Master Willie and Milford Lad, 100 to 8 each Bachelor's Fancy, Tippler, and Haut en Bas, 100 to 7 any other (offered).

4.25.—BANSTEAD PLATE of 200 sovs; winner to be sold for 200 sovs; if for 100 sovs, allowed 7lb. New T.Y.C. (the last six furlongs of the New Course).
Mr. G. Edwardes's POPPITS, by St. Angela—Mesopotamia, 4yrs, 9st (£100) .... B. Dillon 1
Mr. Randall's IMOLA, 3yrs, 7st 11lb (£100) .... J. H. Martin 2
Mr. G. Milligan's TICKETS, 4yrs, 9st (£100) H. Jones 3
Also ran: Loch Leven (5yrs, 9st), Brill (4yrs, 9st 3lb), Cerillo (5yrs, 9st), Owston Wood (4yrs, 9st 7lb), Duster (4yrs, 9st), Tin Soldier (6yrs, 9st), Hand in Hand (4yrs, 9st), Glenbreck (3yrs, 7st 13lb), Extravagance (3yrs, 8st), Fantasy (3yrs, 7st 11lb), Mediate (3yrs, 7st 11lb), Marcester (3yrs, 7st 11lb).
(Winner trained by Major Edwards.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst Extravagance, 5 to 1 Imola, 8 to 1 Duster, 10 to 1 each Poppits, Fantasy, and Brill, 100 to 8 each Tickets and Tin Soldier, 100 to 7 any other (offered). Won by a neck; a length and a half separated the second and third. The winner was sold to Mr. Bellamy for 420 guineas.

5.0.—PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (a Welter Handicap) of 200 sovs; second to receive 20 sovs. The last mile of the Derby Course.
Mr. G. Edwardes's POLLION, by Ermak—Pomponne, 5yrs, 8st 10lb .... Maher 1
Mr. T. W. Blenkiron's C by PRIDE—PEGAWAY, 3yrs, 7st 4lb (7lb ex) .... Hunter 2
Mr. A. Cohen's BROWNIST, 4yrs, 7st 8lb ....Butchers 3
Also ran: Lychnobite (5yrs, 8st 10lb), Stoic (4yrs, 8st 2lb), Tredegar (4yrs, 7st), Santa Barbara f (4yrs, 7st 4lb), Sherry Cobbler (4yrs, 7st 4lb), Radiant Light (3yrs, 7st 4lb), Causeway (3yrs, 7st 4lb), Malverley (3yrs, 6st 9lb).
(Winner trained by Major Edwards.)
Betting—7 to 2 agst Stoic, 9 to 2 the Pegaway colt, 4 to 1 the Santa Barbara filly, 6 to 1 Brownist, 10 to 1 each Lychnobite and Causeway, 100 to 8 Pollion or any other (offered). Won by a neck; three-quarters of a length between the second and third.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

EPSOM.

1.30—APPRENTICES' PLATE of 200 sovs. The Derby Course (about one mile and a half).

	yrs	st	lb		yrs	st	lb
aRoe O'Neill	4	8	7	Oasis	a	7	13
aSchnapps	4	8	7	Goring Heath	3	7	0
Falcon	4	8	4	aHarry Melton	3	7	0
aCapresi	a	8	4	Maldon	3	6	9
aButterwort	5	8	2	Rayah	3	6	9
aRouge et Noir	4	8	2	Golden Touch	3	6	9
aBellivor Tor	5	7	13	Ronaldina f	3	6	6

2.0—TADWORTH PLATE of 200 sovs. New T.Y.C. (the last six furlongs of the New Course).

	yrs	st	lb		yrs	st	lb
aHolme Lacy	4	8	13	aBlue and Black	3	8	0
Valve	4	8	7	Lucida	3	7	13
aSmilax	4	8	5	Tamasha	3	7	13
aClairetta	4	8	3	La Uruguaya	a	7	11
aAspendale	3	8	3	aThe Chair	4	7	10
Ventriloquist	4	8	2	aPegaway c	3	7	10
Mount Prospect's Pride	4	8	1	aScalladale	3	7	3
Most Excellent	a	8	1	aQuisisana	3	7	3
aConsequence	4	8	1	aEastergate	3	7	2
aChant	5	8	1	Marialva	a	6	13
aEastern Prize	4	8	0	aCoronation Reef	3	6	12
				aRoburite	3	6	7

2.35—KINGSWOOD PLATE of 200 sovs. Five furlongs.

	yrs	st	lb		yrs	st	lb
aBlue Diamond	a	9	3	Jongleur	3	7	11
aMixed Powder	4	9	0	Perseus II.	4	7	10
St. Bernard II.	a	8	13	Perpetual	3	7	10
Gridiron	3	8	6	aImola	3	7	9
aLady Beth	4	8	3	Right Well	3	7	9
aJacqueline	4	8	3	Welcome King Edward	3	7	9
Rondel	3	8	2	aWhymper	3	7	8
Club Bail	4	8	2	aCountry Lass	4	7	7
Exaltation	6	8	2	Edie Hopson f	3	7	6
Cockatrice	6	8	0	Carnage f	3	7	4
Earthinghoe	3	8	0	Kuvera	3	7	4
aWild Gander	-	7	13	Roburite	3	7	2
aBridle Road	3	7	13	aQueen's Scholar	3	7	2
Elfira	3	7	13	aSweet Margaret	3	7	0
Kalmia	3	7	12	aLady Korosko	3	7	0
aLady Falsestep	5	7	12				
aThrift	4	7	11				

3.15—CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 2,000 sovs. About one mile and a quarter.
(FOR PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS, SEE "GREY FRIARS'" NOTES.)

3.50—HYDE PARK PLATE of 10 sovs. each, with 200 sovs added; for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
Angelico	9	3	Sister Anne f	8	9
Semite	8	12	No Trumps c (3lb)	8	9
aTiritiri	8	12	Wandering Sarah	8	9
Politely	8	9	aCrusado D. f	8	9
Maimie	8	9	Samphire	8	9
Cyrus (3lb)	8	9	aFuji Yama f	8	9
FitzBall (3lb)	8	9	Wise Saw	8	9
Mouche d'Or c (3lb)	8	9	aLador	8	9
John Shark (3lb)	8	9	aCalypso f (3lb)	8	6
aLadle	8	9	Donna Superba (3lb)	8	6
aMolly Blyth	8	9	Commune (3lb)	8	6
aSing Sing	8	9	aEthel Macarthy (3lb)	8	6
Cosette	8	9	Dulcissima (3lb)	8	6

4.25—BETCHWORTH PLATE of 200 sovs, for two-year-olds; winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
aAuckland Road	8	12	aMatchchase	8	9
aIrish Buck	8	12	aDulcimena f	8	9
aHigh Treason	8	12	aBlack Poplar f	8	9
aPorter	8	12	aNena	8	9
aSweet Anne Page g	8	12	aStage Morals	8	9
aLast Crown	8	9	aBlonde	8	9
aAcmena f	8	9	aRosebery-Madrigal f	8	9

5.0—COPTHORNE PLATE (handicap) of 200 sovs. The last mile of the Derby Course.

	yrs	st	lb		yrs	st	lb
aNoblesse	5	9	5	aCollege Queen	a	7	10
Lady Help	4	9	3	aOwston Wood	4	7	9
Blue Streak	5	8	10	aYoung Neville	a	7	8
Conroy II.	6	8	9	aVeldt g	4	7	7
aPollion	5	8	9	Sonnetta	5	7	7
Wild Rosie	5	8	9	aDonative	5	7	7
aAll Hot	4	8	4	Palace Yard	3	7	7
aFleeting Love	6	8	3	aFair Saint	3	7	4
Bonanza	4	8	3	Romer	3	7	3
You Go Off	4	8	0	Sherry Cobbler	4	7	3
Pain Bis	4	7	13	aIcon	5	7	2
Rayleigh	6	7	12	Graziella	3	7	0
aRenzo	5	7	11	aSusie	3	7	0

LATEST BETTING.

London, Tuesday.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

6 to 1 agst Hackler's Pride, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (t)..Fallon
7 — 1 — Niphetos, 5yrs, 7st 2lb .... S. Darling
10 — 1 — Prince Royal, 4yrs, 6st 12lb (t)....Russell
10 — 1 — Burses, 5yrs, 7st 10lb (t) .... Webb
100 — 8 — Kroonstad, 4yrs, 8st 3lb (t)....J. Dawson
100 — 8 — Cerisier, 4yrs, 6st 5lb (t)........ Leach

DERBY.

100 to 15 agst St. Amant (t)........ A. Hayhoe
100 — 7 — Dividend (t) .... S. Darling

LATEST COURSE BETTING.

Epsom, Tuesday.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

5 to 1 agst Hackler's Pride (t)
6 — 1 — Niphetos (t)
10 — 1 — any other (o)

London, Midnight.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

95 to 20 agst Hackler's Pride (t)
11 — 2 — Niphetos (t and o)

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

Two Thousand Guineas Stakes, Newmarket; Derby Stakes, Epsom; St. James's Palace Stakes, Ascot; and St. Leger, Doncaster.—Wily, at 9 a.m. yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE.—Division II.

BRADFORD CITY v. WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

Beautiful weather favoured the meeting of these sides at Bradford, and fully 15,000 spectators assembled. The Arsenal were without Shanks, whose place was taken by Bradshaw. During the opening half the exchanges were fairly even, but Gooing got through for the visitors, who crossed over with the lead. After change of ends the Arsenal did most of the attack, and from fine centres by Linward, Gooing, and Coleman, added further goals. The City were unable to respond, and Woolwich Arsenal thus won by 3 goals to nil.

THE CITY.

Budget Proposals Meet with Approval on 'Change.

Fears and uncertainties about the Budget kept the stock markets on tenterhooks during the greater part of the day yesterday. Moreover, brokers were fain to admit that business was not so brisk, and that the public were doing less. If this state of affairs continues, the rally may well be checked. The markets closed firm, for, on the whole, the Budget proposals were approved, and especially did the market like the Sinking Fund retention. Consols, which had been 88, touched 88¼ in the Street.

The foreign bourses are evidently fearsome as to new war loans. Consequently all prices were dull to start with in the Foreign market, and Russians gave way after an attempt to put them better. But, on the whole, the tone was not at all bad at the finish, and Japanese bonds were in favour.

The reports that the Chinese had practically come to terms in the matter of labour naturally helped South Africans. But towards the finish the market was suffering from the fact that the public are holding more obstinately aloof. Other mining sections were not particularly interesting, except that in the West African market they had a new Wassau debenture issue to talk about.

LATEST MARKET PRICES.

**** The "Daily Illustrated Mirror" prices are the latest available. Unlike most of our contemporaries, we take special care to obtain the last quotations in the Street markets after the official close of the Stock Exchange.*

The following are the closing prices for the day:

Consols 2½ pc	$88\frac{5}{16}$	$88\frac{7}{16}$	Welsbach Ord.	$\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{11}{16}$
Do Account	88⅜	88½			
India 3 pc	96⅜	96⅝	Anglo-French	3¾	4
London C. C. 3 pc	91⅜	91⅝	Ashanti G. F.	2¼	2½
			Assoc. G. M.	$2\frac{13}{16}$	$2\frac{15}{16}$
Argentine Fund'g	102½	103	Barnato Cons.	2¾	$2\frac{13}{16}$
Brazilian 4 pc 1889	75	75½	Champ. Reef	$1\frac{13}{16}$	1⅞
Chinese 5 pc 1896	96¾	97¼	Chartered Co.	$2\frac{1}{16}$	$2\frac{3}{16}$
Egyptian Unified	106¾	107¼	City & Sub.	6¾	7
Jap. 5pc Gd. 1895-6	81	83	Con. Gold S.A.	6⅝	$6\frac{11}{16}$
*Russian 4 pc 1899	91¾	92¼	Crown Reef	16½	17
Spanish 4 pc (Sld)	82¾	83	De Beers Def.	19⅜	19⅝
Turkish 4 pc Un'd.	82¼	82½	East Rand	$7\frac{9}{16}$	7⅝
			E. Rand. M. Est.	4¾	4⅞
Brighton Def.	116¼	116¾	Geduld	$6\frac{9}{16}$	$6\frac{11}{16}$
Caledonian Def.	31¾	32	G'ld'nhuis E.	5⅝	5⅞
Great Eastern	89½	90	Gold Coast Amt.	3	3⅛
Gt. Northern Def.	39½	40	*Gold'n Horseshoe	$8\frac{1}{16}$	$8\frac{3}{16}$
Great Western	139	139½	Gt. Bld. Pers. New	23/6	24/-
Midland Def.	67¼	67¾	Do Prop.	26/9	27/3
North British Def.	43¾	44	*Gt. Fingall 10/	8½	8⅝
North Eastern	139¼	139¾	Ivanhoe	$8\frac{7}{16}$	$8\frac{9}{16}$
North Western	152¼	152¾	Joh. Con. In.	2⅞	$2\frac{15}{16}$
South East'n Def.	55⅜	55⅞	Knights	5¼	5½
			Lake View Cons.	$1\frac{3}{16}$	$1\frac{5}{16}$
Atchison	74¾	75¼	May Consolidated	$4\frac{1}{16}$	$4\frac{3}{16}$
Chi., Mil. & S. Pl.	148	148½	Meyer & Charl.	5⅜	5⅝
Erie Shares	27⅜	27⅝	Modderfontein	$9\frac{3}{16}$	$9\frac{5}{16}$
L'ville and N'ville	111	111½	Mysore Gold	$6\frac{7}{16}$	$6\frac{9}{16}$
Southern Pacific	49¾	50¼	Nile Valley	1½	1⅝
Union Pacific	87⅛	87⅜	N. Copper	3⅜	3½
U. S. Steel Ord.	11⅜	11⅝	Nundydroog	$1\frac{13}{16}$	$1\frac{15}{16}$
* Do Pref.	59⅜	59⅞	Ooregum	1	1⅛
			Oroya Br'wnhills	3⅜	3½
Rosario Consol'd.	94½	95	Primrose (New)	3¾	4
Canadian Pacific	120⅛	120⅝	Randfontein	$2\frac{15}{16}$	3
G'd Trk. 1st Pref.	101¾	102¼	Rio Tinto	53	53½
			Rand Mines	10⅝	$10\frac{11}{16}$
Aerated Bread	9⅛	9⅜	Sons Gwalia	$1\frac{11}{16}$	$1\frac{13}{16}$
Hudson Bay	39¼	39¾	Trans. Devel.	$1\frac{15}{16}$	$2\frac{1}{16}$
Lipton	18/3	18/9	Waihi	$5\frac{11}{16}$	$5\frac{13}{16}$
L. & I. D. Df. Ord.	77	78	Wassau	$1\frac{11}{16}$	$1\frac{13}{16}$
Nelson's	17/-	18/-	Welgedacht	7¼	7½
Sweetmeat Auto.	17/6	18/6	Zambesi Explor.	1⅝	1¾
Vickers Maxim	1¾	1⅞			

* Ex. div.

The second round of the Amateur Singles Racquet Championship was concluded at Queen's Club yesterday. H. K. Foster and E. H. Miles, who both played splendidly, beat I. de la Rue and E. W. Bury respectively, and B. S. Foster scratched to Captain H. Balfour Bryant. H. K. Foster gained a hollow victory, but Bury displayed good form against Miles.

FOOTBALLERS' MECCA.

Enormous Preparations for Cup Day at Crystal Palace.

The gigantic preparations for the biggest foot-all match of the year—the Cup final at the Crystal alace, on Saturday—are fast approaching comple-ion.

For the last month work has been proceeding, nd 150,000 people can be comfortably accommo-ated, as four miles of seats await enthusiasts.

Amongst the earliest of those who applied for reserved seat was Lord Rosebery. It is hoped Ir. Balfour will give away the Cup and that he Cabinet will be represented by other of its members.

The Crystal Palace ground holds a splendid ecord in that it has never been the scene of an ccident, and all that forethought can suggest as been done to secure the safety of the public his year. Not one of the seats is more than t. from the ground. Two hundred policemen re to be on the ground and there should be no ifficulty experienced in entering the ground, as here are some sixty gates, each of which can ass in two people a second.

Both teams this year are from Lancashire and the ilway companies report that never in their ex-erience has the booking for excursions been so eavy.

The clubs that northern and midland workmen oin to pay their expenses for Cup-day seem to e more numerous than ever.

One hundred and fifty journalists will be in ttendance, and sixty of the most expert tele-raphists with special Wheatstone instruments in specially-erected telegraph office on the ground.

reature Comforts.

Messrs. Lyons and Sons have the task of feeding he huge multitude, and the following list of pro-isions which will be provided shows that they ave a generous idea of the Lancashire lads' appe-tes:—2,500 8lb. loaves, 1,000 5lb. loaves, 1,000 ousehold loaves, 12,000 batons, 21,000 rolls, 120,000 ices of bread and butter, 50,000 pats of butter, 5,000 pieces of the best cake, 16,000 lunch cakes, ,000 sponge cakes, 1,000 pieces of shortbread. 000 French pasties, 10,000 Bath buns, 10,000 lain buns, 6,000 6d. pork pies, 2,000 smoked sau-ages, 1,800 gallons of milk, 200 rumps of beef—ach of which will provide thirty-six steaks—250 hines of mutton, 150 best ends of mutton, 60 fore-bs of beef—each weighing 40lb.—40 whole lambs, 00 quarts of whitebait, 500lb. of soles, 23,000lb. of otatoes, 2,000 cabbages and cauliflowers, 400 owls, 200 ducks, 120,000 bottles of mineral waters.

Battalions of waiters and waitresses will serve out hese mountains of food, each warranted to keep ool even if addressed in five different provincial ialects at once. There will be used 240,000 glasses, 20,000 cups and saucers, and 240,000 knives, forks, nd spoons.

After the match a crowd of 15,000 will have an pportunity of seeing a great wrestling match for 1,000 and the light-weight championship of the orld, between Jem Mellor, of Lancashire, who we ay be sure will be a favourite, and Hugh Lannan, f America.

PRIMROSE DAY.

Record Tribute to Lord Beaconsfield's Memory.

The annual pilgrimage to the statue of Lord eaconsfield in Parliament-square on the anniver-ary of his death was almost a record one yester-ay. Everywhere in the streets the pretty yellow ower was seen; thousands sported it in their uttonholes, while cabmen, 'bus drivers, and con-uctors, almost without exception, wore large unches.

In many cases business houses had their trade ans and horses decorated with the historic flower, exceedingly tasteful example being the vans Knight's Primrose Soap.

During the day the flow of visitors in Parliament-quare was regulated by a special force of police.

At Hughenden many visitors gave token of their ffectionate regard for Lord Beaconsfield by cover-g his grave with primroses.

MADE HIS MEN EAT SAND.

It was proved against a German sergeant who s just been sentenced to seven months' impri-nment that he knocked about his recruits in a ost merciless manner, so that often their faces ere nothing but a mass of pulp.

Another favourite punishment of his was to stuff eir mouths full of sand, and another was to drive e recruits round and round the riding-school, on fours, with a whip until they fainted from pain d exhaustion.

CONVICT AND DOLL.

Affecting Scene at Paddington Station.

He was only an unfortunate convict, chained to others of his class, on his way from Pentonville to Dartmoor.

She was a little seven-year-old girl. Her pretty smiling face had been making the spring day even more cheerful to those who, waiting for their trains, were seated in the waiting-room at the departure platform of the Great Western Railway at Paddington yesterday morning.

Most folk stared and moved further away as a chain-gang of convicts with their warders marched into the room. Not so the little girl. First of all she was amazed at the long, bright steel chain which held the strange-looking, clean-shaven wretches, and took her dollie to see it and the bracelets which connected the men with the chain.

"Run away, little girl," said one of the warders.

"Wha' for?" asked the little one, without further heeding his orders.

"What funny clothes you have, man," she said to a tall prisoner, who looked as though he might be forty years old, and whose face was not yet marked with the "gaol pallor" of the others.

With his free hand he took off his little cap, but not a word did he utter.

"See my pittie dollie," the baby continued. "My ganma gaved her to me," and she kissed it.

"Did 'oo ever have a dollie?" she asked, and the poor creature, whose face had reddened with shame, tried to mutter some answer, as the order was given to move on to the train.

As he turned to follow those in front, the child said, "Good-bye. Kiss dollie good-bye." The convict raised it up to his lips. Then, with the others, was off to serve his term.

30,000 YEAR CLOCK.

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A charge of electricity, in which there are no Beta rays, passes down by means of the activity of the radium into the leaves. Like repels like, so the leaves expand till they touch the sides of the vessel, connected to earth by wires, which instantly conduct the electric charge, and the leaves fall together.

Mr. Martindale's radium clock, which is shown on page 7, repeats this operation every two minutes. It is an innocent, insignificant-looking object, but the imagination boggles at an attempt to figure the effect upon the world of the principles and properties of radio-activity, only one or two of which it illustrates.

INTERRUPTED FOOTBALL MATCH.

Samuel Mitchell, a dining-house keeper, of Dalston-lane, sued the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club at Edmonton County Court yesterday for 10s., paid for two tickets for reserved seats to witness the match against Aston Villa in the second round of the English Cup competition on February 20 at Tottenham.

The match was abandoned after forty minutes' play in consequence of persons encroaching on the field. The plaintiff alleged that too many people were admitted to the ground, and the crush caused them to break down the enclosure railings.

On behalf of the club evidence was given that the ground was not overcrowded, and that the crowd were at fault in jumping over the railings without any reason other than for the purpose of obtaining a better view of the game. Judge Tindal Atkinson reserved judgment.

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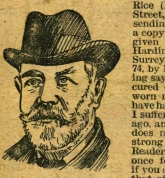

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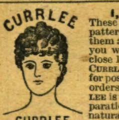

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GENERAL; disengaged; 20; strong; country servant; excellent ref.—112, Pargeter-st, Walsall.

Lady's Maid.

SITUATION required as Under-Lady's Maid; London preferred.—A. Edgeley, Woodbine-cottage, Wickhambrook near Newmarket.

Miscellaneous.

SHORTHAND Typist (young lady) desires engagement; salary, 12s.—179, Norwood-rd, S.E.

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LADY wants Companion-Help; three servants kept.—Stamp, 45, Highfield-rd, Doncaster.

Miscellaneous.

MAN (young) of good appearance and address wanted to represent a first-class company; good remuneration and prospects of early promotion to a capable man; highest references indispensable.—Address V. W., Box 1399, "Daily Illustrated Mirror," 2, Carmelite-st, E.C.

£5 PER WEEK easily earned by advertisement writers; prospectus free.—Page-Davis Advertising School (Dept. 109), 195, Oxford-street, London, W.

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BEGONIAS; easily grown; magnificent flowers, often 5in. across; large tubers, 6 for 1s. 3d.; 12 for 2s.; 24, 3s. 6d.; 50, 6s. 6d.; 100, 12s. 6d.; all post paid, with cultural instructions.—E. Kennelly, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

CLIFF, the "Rose King," for beautiful roses.—12 choice, named, 3s.; 3 hardy climbers, 3 colours, 1s. 6d.; 6 for pots, 2s. 6d.; 500 standards; catalogue free.—Cliff, Stechford.

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A BABY'S complete outfit, 68 articles, 21s.; approval.—Nurse Morris, 2, St. Ann's-chambers, E.C.

A BABY'S Complete Outfit; 68 articles; 21s. 6d.—Eva, 89, Union-rd, Clapham.

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A SMART white serge Costume; lined silk; 30s.—Hanover Dress Agency, 47, New Bond-st.

THE Hanover Dress Agency have a very smart selection of Evening Gowns and Cloaks; prices from 30s. to £15. 47, New Bond-st (entrance Maddox-st).

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A. A.—LADY'S Unredeemed Ring, 39s. 6d., worth 10 guineas; 18 carat; hall marked; half-hoop; lustrous opal and diamond, set 5 matchless opals and 8 diamonds; approval.—Emanuel, 31, Clapham-rd.

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